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House Bill No. 6502



Introduced by: **Rep. EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

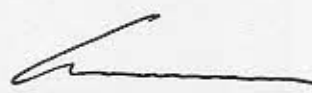
The purpose of the declaration of "Kasambahay Day" is to acknowledge the essential function of the household helpers and workers in our homes. They are those who assist and provide the needed services in the house from which some of them had already become part of the family because of their long time service and grown genuine concern for those people they work for.

Republic Act No. 10361 otherwise known as "Domestic Workers Act" or "Batas Kasambahay" was signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III last January 18, 2013. It is significant because it emphasizes the need to afford special protection to domestic workers or kasambahay. It provides for concrete terms in accordance with the constitutional mandate to afford "full protection" to labor wherever situated, regardless of status and nature of position.

However, there is a still a need to give due credit and recognition for the "Kasambahay" as they are equally a part of the society even though most of the time, they are within the confines of the house where they work. It may not be the most prestigious job nor earns a lot of money but it is a lawful job which one should not be ashamed of because there is dignity in the work done as it is worthy of honor and respect.

Therefore, the household helpers commonly known as "Kasambahay" deserves recognition and appreciation of their help, dedication in their work and especially those who have become worthy of our trust and respect.

As such, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING EVERY 18TH OF JANUARY OF EACH YEAR
AS "NATIONAL KASAMBAHAY DAY"

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "National Kasambahay Day."

Section 2. *National Kasambahay Day.* The 18th day of January of every year shall be known as the "National Kasambahay Day" shall hereby be declared as a Special Working Holiday to recognize and appreciate the significant role they play in each respective household they work for. They are the sector of workers which affords household employers who are workers themselves the opportunity to focus on work elsewhere for their livelihood.

Section 3. *Annual Celebration Activity.* Pursuant to the declaration of "National Kasambahay Day" there shall be an annual celebration activity towards recognition and of household helpers or "Kasambahay" as defined under Republic Act No. 10361 otherwise known as "Domestic Workers Act" or "Batas Kasambahay".

Section 4. *Information Dissemination.* The Philippine Information Agency in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment field/provincial/regional office shall ensure the effective information dissemination of this Act.

Section 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.