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House Bill No. 6525



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This piece of legislation seeks to honor and acknowledge the Filipino tradition of "bayanihan," which Filipinos of old and of today still practice in helping one another achieve a goal.

"Bayanihan", which literally means "being a bayan," relates to the spirit of unity and cooperation that community members exhibit. This term has been manifested in a lot of forms - from the old tradition of helping neighbors relocate their house and household belongings to the modern-day team work in the workplace.

"Bayanihan" has become known as distinctly Filipino and it is in this light that this bill seeks to honor this tradition of cooperative effort and unity.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 2nd DAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS
"BAYANIHAN" DAY.**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Bayanihan Day Act".

SECTION 2. *Bayanihan Day.* The 2nd day of May of every year shall be known as "Bayanihan Day" to acknowledge the time-honored Filipino tradition of "bayanihan" and to promote the spirit of unity, teamwork and cooperation among fellow Filipinos.

SECTION 3. *Annual Activity.* Pursuant to the observance of "Bayanihan" Day, there shall be an annual appropriate activity to be prepared, organized and implemented by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCAA).

SECTION 4. *Agency Assigned.* The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCAA), in coordination with local government units, 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 a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,