

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL no. **5377**



Introduced by Representative Florida P. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte (PRRD) now serves as the hope and inspiration of the Filipino People. In his historic election as President of the Republic, tens of millions of Filipinos now see him as the rallying point for real Philippine Reforms, Reunification, and Development (PRRD) in our nation.

Going back to our nation's history, our country was once a political-military-economic powerhouse in Asia with our military force as the No. 2 strongest in the region, with many Southeast Asian countries sending their scholars to study here in the Philippines, their top military cadets to train here, and their professionals to learn the best practices here and bringing it back to their respective countries afterwards. Even generations of Chinese people migrated to the Philippines before to find a better life and a safer society.

In the recent decades, our neighbors have already overtaken us. We now import rice from countries that developed their rice varieties here in the Philippines, their military forces now more powerful in strength and technology, their capital cities now the centers of business and finance in our region even though the Philippines is the main country strategically located in the center of Southeast Asia. In the recent years, the Philippines has become the center of illegal drug trafficking in Southeast Asia with our national capital region also becoming a hub for drug addicts and criminals preying on our citizens everyday.

From that sense of national hopelessness, now comes a reformer president who is inspiring and leading the Philippine populace, and now becoming the rising Southeast Asian Strongman leader that we can be proud of. Much has changed since he took office in June 2016. He has reshaped Philippine society at its very core, allowing new beliefs and new patriotic passions to form. His methods are the alternative ways to execute the long overdue and badly-needed reformation, upliftment, and strengthening of our Republic. His unparalleled focus on the illegal drug problem of our country that is poisoning our people and his strong peace & order initiatives are now ushering us to a safer and a more secure society for our loved ones and countrymen.

His leadership is bringing about the rebirth of pride in our people and breathes new life into all of us, as we partner with him in building a new nation. His leadership now is transforming our countrymen from generations of Filipinos who got used to having laziness and mediocrity as a way of life into a modern society of disciplined and productive citizens devoted to eradicate illegal drugs, criminality and terrorism; tens of millions of Filipinos dedicated into becoming nation-builders who will uplift the Philippine Republic into a real Southeast Asian Superpower in the near future.

It is therefore fitting, for the Filipino People to formally commemorate March 28 of every year, the date of birth of our Reformist President, as a day of hope and inspiration for the Filipino People, a day reminding us to stand up from poverty, criminality, and mediocrity so that we can have a grander destiny for our country, and to create a safer, a better, and a more powerful Republic that we can be proud of and will be inherited by the next generation of Filipinos. To the tens of millions of Filipinos who have felt hopelessness in our society before, let us mark March 28 of every year as a day of genuine reforms, transformational leadership, and our upliftment to a proud race worthy to become the next political, military, and business leaders of Southeast Asia.

For these patriotic reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE 28TH DAY OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR, AS THE
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE (PRRD) DAY, A SPECIAL WORKING
HOLIDAY COMMEMORATING THE TRUE PHILIPPINE REFORMS,
REUNIFICATION, AND DEVELOPMENT IN OUR NATION

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

Section 1. The 28th day of March of every year is hereby declared as the *President Rodrigo Roa Duterte (PRRD) Day*. It shall be a special working holiday nationwide, and shall commemorate the start of the true Philippine Reforms, Reunification, and Development (PRRD) in our nation's history.

Section 2. The Filipino Youth, especially the military cadets, ROTC cadets, CAT/PMT cadets, boy scouts and girl scouts, and other nationalistic organizations, are hereby enjoined to showcase their patriotic ideals, pride, & excellence in partnering with the government with a collective vision of transforming the Philippine Republic into a Southeast Asian powerhouse that we can all be proud of, that our families and countrymen can benefit in, and a nationalistic legacy that the next generations of Filipinos can inherit from us.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,