

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

Second Regular Session

House Bill No. **6437**



Introduced by Representative Aileen C. Radaza

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For decades, the heroism of Datu Lapu-Lapu in successfully defending Mactan against foreign invaders has long been considered as the first successful repulsion of foreign aggression and with this feat came the recognition that Datu Lapu-Lapu became the first Philippine hero.

It has been four hundred ninety-seven (497) years, and the City of Lapu-Lapu was named in Honor of such heroism, has been commemorating that fateful 27th day of April, as "KADAUGAN SA MACTAN" through a weeklong celebration culminating on the staging and reenactment of the epic battle of Mactan.

This year, we thanked the President for issuing Proclamation No. 200 declaring April 27 every year as Lapu-Lapu City Day. With due all respect, and to institutionalized and further give the people the privilege in observing this extraordinary day, this Bill earnestly seek to have April 27 to be a special non-working holiday in the City of Lapu-Lapu.

Moreover, the bravery and patriotism of Datu Lapu-Lapu is but fitting reminder to all Filipinos that no amount of force, intimidation and aggression shall make the Philippines be cowed as we reverberate the famous words of Lapu-Lapu when he said to Ferdinand Magellan "I BOW TO NO KING, I OWE MY ALLEGIANCE ONLY TO MY PEOPLE".

With this as our guiding principle, I seek the approval of this Bill.


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AN ACT

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LAPU-LAPU AGAINST FERDINAND MAGELLAN DEPICTED IN THE HISTORIC
BATTLE OF MACTAN**

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

SECTION 1. April 27 of every year is hereby declared a special
non-working holiday in the City of Lapu-Lapu in honor of the heroism
of Lapu-Lapu in defending Mactan against foreign aggression
depicted especially in the historic battle of Mactan when he led
Filipinos in fighting Ferdinand Magellan and his forces.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
circulation.

Approved,