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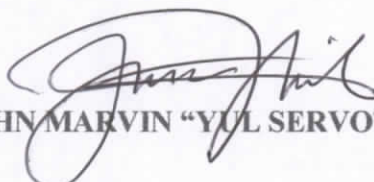
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a declared policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Further, the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the nation's marine wealth in its archipelagic waters, territorial sea, and exclusive economic zone.

The proposed measure aims to make every second Sunday of September as National Coastal Clean-up Day in order to contribute in preserving the bodies of water in the country. It is imperative that we have an active participation to conserve the national resources and nation's marine wealth to minimize the impact of natural disasters and to ensure the sustainability of such resources for future generations.

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


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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP
DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES PRESCRIBING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF
SEPTEMBER A NATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP 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 Coastal
Clean-Up Day"

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. The State shall protect and advance the
right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm
and harmony of nature and to promote consciousness over the protection of our
marine resources.

SECTION 3. Observance of the National Coastal Clean-Up Day. An
annual program of activities that would promote water pollution prevention via
coastal cleanups shall be prepared and implemented by the Department of
Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). In support thereof, the:

- a. Department of Education (DepEd);
- b. Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
- c. Civil Service Commission (CSC);
- d. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- e. Philippine National Police (PNP);
- f. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Schools (Public and Private); and
- g. National and Local Government Agencies.

Shall facilitate and encourage the commemoration of this day.

In addition, the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), in coordination with the abovementioned agencies, shall ensure the effective information dissemination of this Act.

SECTION 4. Funding. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the DENR under the current General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All laws, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modify accordingly.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If any part, section or provision of this Act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, no other part, section or provisions thereof shall be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,