



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. **1656**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE CHEENO MIGUEL D. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the fourth Thursday of November each year as the National Thanksgiving Day.

It is our duty as a nation, regardless of the different religions we practice, to offer our supplications to the God we believe in. We must give thanks for the blessings that are continuously bestowed upon our people – the economic growth, the safety of the country, the promising state of public affairs, the administration's successful campaign for change, the infrastructure development, the lessening of national calamities and our unity as a country.

With the enactment of this bill, it is hoped that we nourish an attitude of gratefulness, leading to a united and prosperous nation.

A similar version of this bill was filed by this representation and it was passed in the Third and Final Reading in the 19th Congress and transmitted to the Senate on March 7, 2023.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL
THANKSGIVING DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. National Thanksgiving Day** – The fourth Thursday of
2 November of every year is hereby declared as the “National Thanksgiving Day.”

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4 **SECTION 2. Scope.** – In observance of this special day as herein
5 declared, all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including
6 government owned and controlled corporations, local government units,
7 public and private schools, employers in the private sectors, and industry
8 associations shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for
9 their employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the
10 premises of their offices or establishments in celebration of the “National
11 Thanksgiving Day.”

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13 **SECTION 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
14 after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2)
15 newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

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17 *Approved,*