



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 122

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BY REPRESENTATIVES GONZALES (C.S.), LIBANAN AND MIRAFLORES

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AN ACT

**DECLARING MARCH 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS "HOMONHON LANDING DAY," A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, IN COMMEMORATION OF FERDINAND MAGELLAN'S LANDING IN HOMONHON**

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

1       **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Homonhon Landing  
2 Day Act."

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4       **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby recognized that the actual landing of  
5 Ferdinand Magellan in Homonhon on March 17, 1521, marks a significant historical event. It  
6 marked the beginning of the modern era of globalization, as well as, the onset of the spread  
7 of Christianity in Asia, as a result of the eventual first circumnavigation of the world. The State  
8 acknowledges the importance of commemorating this day to honor the cultural and historical  
9 heritage of the Filipino people, particularly in the Province of Eastern Samar.

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11       **SEC. 3. Declaration of March 17 as a Special Non-Working Holiday in Eastern**  
12 **Samar.** – March 17 of every year is hereby declared as "Homonhon Landing Day," a special  
13 non-working holiday in the Province of Eastern Samar, to commemorate the historic landing  
14 of Ferdinand Magellan in Homonhon.

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16       **SEC. 4. Observance.** – The Provincial Government of Eastern Samar, in coordination  
17 with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), Department of Education  
18 (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and other relevant agencies and local  
19 government units, shall lead the organization and implementation of various activities and  
20 programs in observance of this day, including historical re-enactments, educational programs,  
21 cultural exhibits, and other events that promote the historical significance of the Homonhon  
22 landing.

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24       **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
25 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in force and effect.

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27       **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts  
28 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified  
29 accordingly.

1       **SEC. 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
2       the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,