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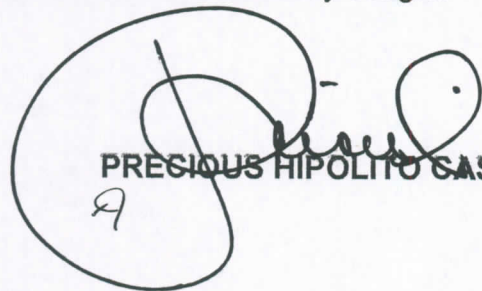
EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the Almighty God mandates every child to "Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you."¹ This was re-echoed by the Apostle Paul in his epistle to the Ephesians, thus: "Honor (esteem, value as precious) your father and your mother (and be respectful to them) – this is the first commandment with a promise,"²

Deplorably, children of this generation seem to have lost touch of this basic moral instruction. Some children mistreat their parents as though they were their peers. Some dishonor their parents by ignoring their instruction and counsel. Some bring shame or disgrace on their parents by getting into various immoral deeds.

Hence, there is a need for an ethical reconditioning among the youth, short of a moral renaissance. It is upon this premise that this proposed measure contemplates on designating a month dedicated to pay homage to our parents. Through this month-long celebration, all forms of values-formation toward the build-up of this virtue shall be observed. Children will once again realize their innate and moral duty to honor and respect their parents in the Lord for all eternity.

The immediate passage of this meaningful measure is most earnestly sought.


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¹ Exodus 20:12 Modern English Version (MEV)

² Ephesians 6:2 Amplified Bible (AMP)

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AN ACT
DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JANUARY AS NATIONAL PARENTS' MONTH

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Parents' Month Act."

SEC. 2. It is hereby declared that the month of January be designated as the National Parents' Month.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,