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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1008**

Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations on  
**May 27, 2021**

Re: House Bill No. **9491**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Number 3213

Sponsors: Representatives Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga, Eric Go Yap, and Faustino Michael  
Carlos T. Dy III

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations to which  
was referred **House Bill No. 3213**, introduced by Rep. Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III,  
entitled:

“AN ACT  
TO DECLARE AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL FARMER’S  
MONTH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PUSPOSES”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9491**  
entitled:

“AN ACT  
**DECLARING NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL FARMERS  
AND FISHERFOLK MONTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**”

be approved in substitution of House Bill Number 3213 with Representatives Faustino Michael  
Carlos T. Dy III, Eric Go Yap, Rico B. Geron, Rosanna “Ria” Vergara, Deogracias Victor “DV”  
B. Savellano, Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo, Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas 1, “Kuya” Jose  
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Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Joseph “Jojo” L.  
Lara, Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Evelina G. Escudero, Pablo John  
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Sr., Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago, Antonio “Tonypet”  
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Respectfully submitted,



**REP. ERIC GO YAP**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations



**REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Agriculture and Food

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK MONTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION. 1. Declaration of Policy.** It is the declared policy of the State to accord the  
2 highest priority to the development of agriculture and fishery and give farmers and fisherfolk more  
3 opportunities to maximize their incomes and increase their contribution to the nation’s wealth.  
4 Towards this end, the State shall promote and increase awareness on the significant contribution of  
5 farmers and fisherfolk in nation building and their specific role in putting food on our tables.  
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7           **SEC. 2. Buwan ng Magsasaka at Mangingisda.** November of every year is hereby  
8 declared as “Buwan ng Magsasaka at Mangingisda.” All schools and relevant government offices

1 shall ensure suitable celebration for the month-long event.

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3 **SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** Within ninety (90) days from the  
4 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Departments of  
5 Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Science and Technology, Interior and Local Government, and  
6 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and their attached offices shall formulate the  
7 necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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9 **SEC. 4. Appropriations.** The amount necessary to initially implement the provisions of  
10 this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the concerned departments and agencies for  
11 the current year. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall  
12 be included in the appropriations of the concerned departments and agencies in the annual General  
13 Appropriations Act (GAA).

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15 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
16 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force  
17 and effect.

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19 **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, and rules  
20 and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

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25 *Approved,*

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Committee Affairs Department

**FACT SHEET**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 9491**  
*(In substitution of House Bill No. 3213)*

**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK MONTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Introduced by:* REP. FAUSTINO MICHAEL CARLOS T. DY III

*Committee Referrals:* COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee Chairpersons:* REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA  
REP. ERIC GO YAP

**OBJECTIVE:** To promote and increase awareness on the significance of the contribution of farmers and fisherfolk in our society by mandating a month-long celebration of ‘*Buwan ng Magsasaka at Mangingisda*’ every November in schools and relevant government offices.

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Declares November of every year as ‘*Buwan ng Magsasaka at Mangingisda*’ in recognition of the important role and the contribution of our farmers and fisherfolk in putting food on our table.
- Directs the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Departments of Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Science and Technology, and Interior and Local Government, and the Commission on Higher Education, and their attached offices to formulate the necessary programs, rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days after its effectivity.
- Appropriates the amount necessary to initially implement the provisions of this Act to be charged against the appropriations of the concerned departments and agencies for the current year. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the appropriations of the concerned departments and agencies in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).