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Metro Manila

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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. **11897**]

AN ACT DECLARING THE SECOND THURSDAY OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY"

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Baptist Day Act".


SEC. 2. It is hereby the declared policy of the State to recognize the Baptists for the continuous pursuit of their evangelical mission to contribute to nation-building by establishing Christian schools that instill academic excellence and build character in individuals, and churches that proclaim, teach and share biblical principles for the betterment of society.

SEC. 3. To recognize the important contribution of the Baptists in nation-building, the State shall promote the

observance of the second Thursday of January of every year as "National Baptist Day" and proclaim the same as a special working holiday.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.


Approved,


LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
*Speaker of the House
of Representatives*


VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 2522 on May 30, 2022 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 6522 on June 1, 2022.


MARK LLANDRO L. MENDOZA
*Secretary General
House of Representatives*


MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate

Approved:

**Lapsed into law on
without the signature of the Presi
dent, in accordance with Article VI
Section 27 (1) of the Constitution**

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
President of the Philippines