

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila
Fifteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-third day of July, two thousand twelve.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10556]

AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER AS
"ARAW NG PAGBASA", A REGULAR WORKING
HOLIDAY

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as "The
Araw ng Pagbasa Act of 2013".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - The State recognizes
and supports endeavors that promote reading and literacy,
motivate awareness and uphold our Filipino heritage and culture,
including educational activities focusing on the life of former
Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., whose role in our country's
history was influenced by great writings of different individuals.

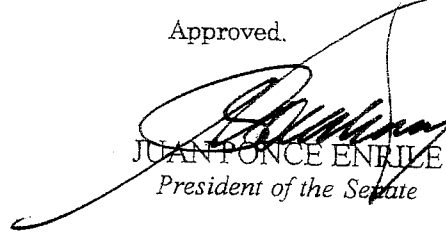
The State likewise recognizes the importance of promoting
reading as a shared activity among the youth, families, educators
and the private sector, thereby emphasizing personal interaction
and facilitating the exchange of ideas throughout the country.

SEC. 3. *National Holiday.* - November 27 of every year
is hereby declared as "Araw ng Pagbasa", which shall be a regular
working holiday, to be celebrated in all elementary and secondary
schools in the country. In the event that the holiday falls on a
weekend, the holiday shall be observed on the Friday of that week.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Agency.* - The Department of Education, in consultation with the National Book Development Board, other government agencies and units, and reading associations concerned, shall plan and implement activities for the observance of "Araw ng Pagbasa", such as story-telling sessions and reading skills modules. In addition to Filipino and English, the use of regional languages in the celebration shall be encouraged.

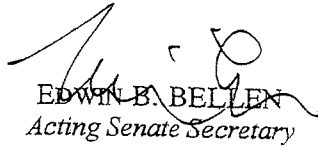
SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

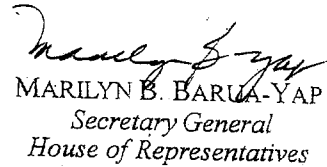
Approved.


 JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

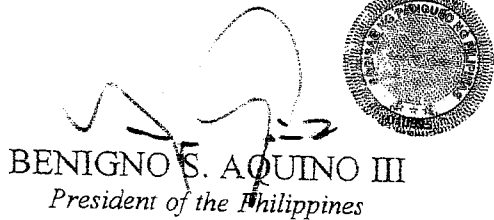

 FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives


This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on February 4, 2013.


 EDWIN B. BELLEN
Acting Senate Secretary

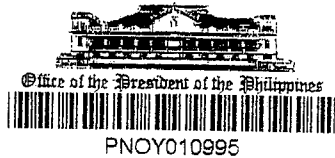

 MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP
Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: MAY 15 2013

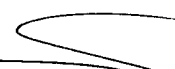

 BENIGNO S. AQUINO III
President of the Philippines



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