



cannot celebrate the day as much as they could, if they are in school. On the other hand, if Mother's Day is celebrated on December, the schools can organize programs in order to express our *gratitude for our mothers*.

This bill seeks to address the appeal for the re-establishment of Mother's Day celebration every first Monday of December in observance of the Filipino tradition of honoring our mothers.

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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1 AN ACT  
2 DECLARING THE FIRST MONDAY OF DECEMBER AS "MOTHERS DAY"

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

5 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the Mother’s Day Act of  
6 2007”.

7 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes the vital role of  
8 mothers in the foundation of family life. The natural and primary right and duty of  
9 parents in rearing the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character  
10 shall receive support from the government.

11 SECTION 3. The first Monday of December is hereby declared as Mother’s Day.

12 SECTION 4. *Lead Agency.* – In the observance of this yearly occasion, the  
13 Department of Education shall conduct commemorative activities as a national token of  
14 recognition for mothers and motherhood.

15 SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of  
16 Education shall promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the  
17 effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

18 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof is held invalid  
19 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall  
20 remain valid and subsisting.

21 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
22 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to  
23 or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended  
24 accordingly.

1           SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
2 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulations.

3 Approved,