



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3962

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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6949, "AN ACT TO DECLARE MARCH EIGHT OF EVERY YEAR AS A WORKING SPECIAL HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY", TO MAKE THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY A NONWORKING HOLIDAY

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The National Women's Day, declared as March 8 of every
2 year in the Philippines as provided under Republic Act No. 6949, is hereby
3 declared a nonworking holiday in recognition of the contribution of women in

1 all aspects of national development and in consonance with the International
2 Women's Day celebrated around the world.

3 SEC. 2. Further to the provisions of Republic Act No. 6949,
4 all government agencies at all levels, including attached agencies and local
5 government units (LGUs) and government-owned and -controlled
6 corporations, through their Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Persons,
7 shall prepare and implement a program in the observance of the National
8 Women's Day on March 8 of every year, commemorating the role of women in
9 the history of the country and promoting awareness on women's rights and
10 participation in national development.

11 SEC. 3. Pursuant to the Magna Carta of Women, the Philippine
12 Commission on Women, as the government's primary policy-making body on
13 women and gender equality concerns, shall coordinate, monitor and ensure the
14 implementation of this Act.

15 SEC. 4. Funds for the implementation of this Act shall be taken out of
16 the five percent (5%) GAD budget allotted to all government agencies and
17 LGUs.

18 SEC. 5. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held to
19 be unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of other sections herein shall not be
20 affected thereby.

21 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
22 publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,