



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5955

BY REPRESENTATIVES RODRIGUEZ (R.), RODRIGUEZ (M.), PALMONES AND
PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE
SENDONG MEMORIAL AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY
IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AND ILIGAN CITY

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

1 SECTION 1. It is hereby recognized that Sendong claimed thousands of
2 lives and caused millions worth of damage and that Sendong is only a small
3 taste of what Mother Nature can do to those who abuse the environment.

4 SEC. 2. December 16 of every year is hereby declared as the Sendong
5 Memorial and Disaster Preparedness Day in Cagayan de Oro City and Iligan
6 City.

7 SEC. 3. The following activities shall be undertaken in observance of
8 this occasion:

9 (a) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
10 shall conduct tree planting/reforestation activities;

1 (b) The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council
2 (NDRRMC) shall conduct forums on disaster and risk reduction in Cagayan de
3 Oro City;

4 (c) The Climate Change Commission (CCC) shall conduct forums on
5 climate change adaptation;

6 (d) The Local Government Units (LGUs) of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan
7 cities shall convene their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and
8 Management Councils (LDRRMCs) and undertake seminars to implement
9 disaster risk reduction measures:

10 (e) Nongovernmental organizations shall organize information
11 drives/campaigns to increase awareness on disaster awareness, climate change,
12 the effects of abusing the environment, disaster preparedness and disaster
13 readiness; and

14 (f) Other activities that would raise awareness like masses, fun runs
15 and photo exhibits.

16 SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* -- Should any of the provisions of this
17 Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they
18 are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

19 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* -- All laws, presidential decrees and
20 issuances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent
21 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

22 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* -- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
23 its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,