



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7763

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLANUEVA, AUMENTADO, ARENAS, BAUTISTA-LIM, TANJUATCO, VARGAS-ALFONSO, NAVA, ROBES, SALO, CARDEMA, FARIÑAS, GATO, ORDANES, TULFO (J.), ALBA, ARBISON, TULFO (R.W.), CO (A.N.), ALVAREZ (J.), ACHARON, ALONTE, DAGOOC, ALVAREZ (M.), NOGRALES (M.) AND DALIPE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT No. 476

**AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 9 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE PHILIPPINES-
ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP DAY**

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

1 SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to:
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- 3 (a) Strengthen the relationship between the Philippines and countries with which it
4 has shared history, values, and traditions; and
5 (b) Commemorate notable acts of bravery and compassion of the Filipino people.
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7 SEC. 2. The ninth of August of each year is hereby declared as the Philippines-
8 Israel Friendship Day to commemorate the establishment of diplomatic relations
9 between the Philippines and Israel, birthed from the signing of Proclamation No.173
10 by President Manuel L. Quezon which called on all Filipinos to welcome and help
11 Jewish refugees who were escaping the horrors of the Holocaust.

1 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Foreign Affairs is hereby mandated to spearhead
2 in collaboration with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and all
3 other government agencies and institutions the conduct of activities in celebration of
4 the Philippine-Israel Friendship Day and the implementation of projects and events
5 promoting friendship and cultural understanding between the Philippines and Israel.

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7 **SEC. 4.** All laws, orders and issuances, rules and regulations and/or parts
8 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
9 accordingly.

10 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in
11 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,