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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Archipelago is one of the largest archipelagos in the world. It is composed of 7,107 islands and a coastline that stretches around 20,000 kilometers. It is no surprise that most of our people rely much on the bounties of the seas and the coastlines for their survival.

Article 12, Section 2 of the 1987 Constitution mandates that, "the State shall protect the nation's marine wealth." However, even with the said clause in the Constitution, our marine resources weren't spared from the damages and destructions brought about by our activities. These damages and destructions, in turn, threaten the resources that provide our countrymen food and source of living.

This bill prescribes every second Saturday of September as "National Coastal Clean-Up Day" to heighten the consciousness of our countrymen on the importance of preserving our marine resources thru programs and activities that would promote prevention of water pollution.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. D. Cabochan III", written over a circular stamp.

MANUEL DG. CABOCHAN III
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AN ACT
PRESCRIBING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER AS A NATIONAL
COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY IN THE COUNTRY

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the "*National Coastal Clean-*
2 *Up Day Act.*"

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4 **SEC. 2.** The second Saturday of September of every year shall hereby be known as
5 the "National Coastal Clean-Up Day" to promote consciousness over the protection of our
6 marine resources.

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8 **SEC. 3.** Pursuant to the observance of the National Coastal Clean-Up Day, an annual
9 program of activities that would promote water pollution prevention via coastal cleanups
10 shall be prepared and implemented by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
11 (DENR).

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13 In support thereof, the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher
14 Education (CHED), the Civil Service Commission (CSC), the Department of Interior and
15 Local Government (DILG), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Armed Forces of
16 the Philippines (AFP), shall facilitate and encourage the commemoration of this day and the
17 participation of all schools, public and private, government agencies, be it local or national,
18 the police, and the armed forces, nationwide.

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20 The Philippine Information Agency (PIA), in coordination with the abovementioned
21 agencies, shall ensure the effective information dissemination of this Act.

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23 **SEC. 4. Funding.** - The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this
24 Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the DENR under the current General
25 Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued
26 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA.

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28 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** - If any provisions or part hereof, is held invalid or
29 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law of the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
30 valid and subsisting.

1 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
2 inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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4 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
5 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general
6 circulation.

Approved,