

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 4790**



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**Introduced by HONORABLE WES T. GATCHALIAN**

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING EVERY 30<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS A**  
**SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN RECOGNITION OF**  
**JESUS REIGNS NATIONAL WORSHIP DAY**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

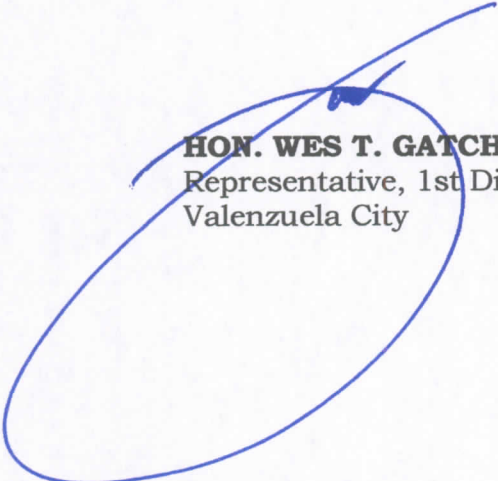
Among the Christian community, the 30<sup>th</sup> of November is a significant day. On this day in 1947, the Christians were able to regain its sovereignty and possession of Israel, the promise land. This is especially momentous, considering the centuries of exile and torment of the community (e.g. Christian concentration camps in Nazi Germany).

In the Philippines, the Jesus Reigns celebration began in 30 November 2012 in Cebu. Thousands of people, young and old from all walks of life, denominations, churches and establishments came as one body to worship and intercede. In a spirit of jubilation, people walked through the streets of Cebu holding banners with the names of God. The Jesus Reigns celebration is not exclusive to a single denomination, as this day of worship was envisioned to be a united and ecumenical activity. Through the years, there has been participation from the Roman Catholic Church as well.

Among the participants of this event is the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches, accounting for 2.1% of the national population – this includes seventy-two (72) Christian Churches and one hundred thirty-two para-Churches nationwide. It is estimated that around eighty-two (82) provinces all over the

country participates in the festivities on this day. There is also a widespread participation from sixteen (16) cities in Metro Manila. In 2017, around forty thousand persons (40,000) in the Quezon City Memorial Circle, and a total of one million persons (1,000,000) nationwide, gathered to celebrate the Jesus Reigns National Worship Day.

The Christian community in the Philippines has been instrumental in the socio-economic development of the country. They have imparted valuable and non-negotiable moral truths ingrained not only in the moral compass of the Philippine society, but in the laws as well. This measure is proposed to grant them space and the recognition to truly express their faith.



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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "*Jesus Reigns  
National Day of Worship Act.*"

**SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the declared policy of the State to  
recognize the activities of Jesus Reigns on its National Worship Day.

**SEC. 3. National Holiday.** – 30 November of every year is hereby declared  
as a national special working holiday in recognition of the Jesus Reigns National  
Worship Day.

**SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation  
contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed,  
modified, or amended accordingly.

**SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,