

S. No. 2690  
H. No. 7986

Republic of the Philippines  
**Congress of the Philippines**  
Metro Manila

Nineteenth Congress

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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second  
day of July, two thousand twenty-four.

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[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12073 ]

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EVERY YEAR A  
SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
"ARAW NG PAGLALATHALA AT PAGTATANYAG NG  
KASARINLAN NG PILIPINAS"

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as  
"The Bacoor Assembly of 1898 Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes the  
vital role of history in fostering unity, national identity,  
nationalism, and nation-building. It shall ensure that historical  
dates and events are preserved, promoted, popularized, and  
made accessible to the public as part of the country's heritage.

SEC. 3. *Special Working Holiday.* – August 1 of every year is hereby declared a special working holiday to be known as the “*Araw ng Paglalathala at Pagtatanyag ng Kasarinlan ng Pilipinas*”, in commemoration of the promulgation of the declaration of Philippine Independence during the Bacoor Assembly in Bacoor, Cavite, on August 1, 1898, which was subsequently ratified by the Malolos Congress as *Acta Agosto Uno*.

SEC. 4. *Role of Cultural Agencies and the Department of Education.* – Cultural agencies led by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts are hereby mandated to promote the historical significance of August 1 and the events surrounding the Bacoor Assembly of 1898. The Department of Education shall develop and implement lesson plans that highlight the importance of this day, ensuring that students are educated about its relevance and importance.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

  
 FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ  
*Speaker of the House  
 of Representatives*

  
 FRANCIS “CHIZ” G. ESCUDERO  
*President of the Senate*

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 2690 on August 27, 2024 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 7986 on September 9, 2024.

  
 REGINALD S. VELASCO  
*Secretary General  
 House of Representatives*

  
 RENATO N. BANTUG JR.  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved: **NOV 07 2024**



  
 FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.  
*President of the Philippines*

