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H. No. 9491

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**AN ACT
DECLARING NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK MONTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION. 1. Declaration of Policy.** It is the declared policy of the State to accord the
2 highest priority to the development of agriculture and fishery and give farmers and fisherfolk more
3 opportunities to maximize their incomes and increase their contribution to the nation's wealth.
4 Towards this end, the State shall promote and increase awareness on the significant contribution of
5 farmers and fisherfolk in nation building and their specific role in putting food on our tables.

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7 **SEC. 2. Buwan ng Magsasaka at Mangingisda.** November of every year is hereby
8 declared as "Buwan ng Magsasaka at Mangingisda." All schools and relevant government offices

1 shall ensure suitable celebration for the month-long event.

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3 **SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** Within ninety (90) days from the
4 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Departments of
5 Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Science and Technology, Interior and Local Government, and
6 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and their attached offices shall formulate the
7 necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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9 **SEC. 4. Appropriations.** The amount necessary to initially implement the provisions of
10 this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the concerned departments and agencies for
11 the current year. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall
12 be included in the appropriations of the concerned departments and agencies in the annual General
13 Appropriations Act (GAA).

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15 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
16 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force
17 and effect.

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19 **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, and rules
20 and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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22 **SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication
23 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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25 *Approved,*