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**AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR AS THE
“MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION MONTH”**

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Marine Turtle*
2 *Conservation and Protection Month Act*”.

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It shall be the policy of the State to
4 conserve and protect the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for
5 sustainability and to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity.

6 In the pursuit of this policy, this Act shall have the following objectives:

7 (a) promote full awareness and widest dissemination of policies on marine
8 turtle conservation and protection;

9 (b) create and sustain awareness on the importance of the irreplaceable
10 ecological roles played by marine turtle species to help sustain the
11 health of the marine ecosystem; and

12 (c) encourage the advocacy on marine turtle protection and sustainability.

13 **SEC. 3. *Declaration of Marine Turtle Conservation and Protection***
14 ***Month.*** – The month of June of every year is hereby declared as the “*Marine*
15 *Turtle Conservation and Protection Month*”. All heads of government agencies
16 and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations

1 and local government units shall encourage and afford sufficient time and
2 opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity
3 conducted in celebration of the “Marine Turtle Conservation and Protection
4 Month”. The month-long celebration shall provide for more platforms and
5 opportunities for the protection and conservation of marine turtles and important
6 habitats where these species are present.

7 **SEC. 4. *Communication, Education and Public Awareness Plan.*** –
8 The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR),
9 shall, in coordination with concerned government agencies, local government
10 units, and the private sector, prepare and implement annual program of activities
11 pursuant to the observance of the “Marine Turtle Conservation and Protection
12 Month”.

13 The DENR shall also undertake marine turtle information awareness and
14 data sharing with the assistance of other national agencies and local government
15 units to further strengthen the enforcement of this Act.

16 **SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within six (6) months
17 following the effectivity of this Act, the DENR shall, after consultation with
18 concerned government agencies, promulgate rules and regulations to implement
19 this Act.

20 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other laws, ordinances, orders, rules,
21 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this
22 Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,