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HOUSE BILL NO. 5517



Introduced by **Rep. Christopher De Venecia**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Malunggay (*Moringa*) is a fast growing tree in the Philippines. Loaded with vitamins and a known remedy against many kinds of ailments, Malunggay is called the "miracle vegetable" or "nature's medicine cabinet" by scientists and health care workers from around the world. It has even been promoted by the World Health Organization (WHO) for the past 20 years as a low-cost health enhancer in poor countries around the globe.

At present, our country is expanding the local market for Malunggay and its by-products with the aim of enhancing its agribusiness potentials as part of the government's poverty-alleviation and health care programs. That said, we can say that apart from saving lives, Malunggay can also generate jobs, increase incomes, utilize vast tracts of idle agricultural lands, make the Philippines globally competitive, impact local and international market, and help attain socio-economic equity.

This measure seeks to promote awareness of the numerous bio-medical and socio-economic benefits of Malunggay. In view thereof, I am filing this bill that declares the month of November of every year as the "National Malunggay Month".


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The month of November of every year is hereby declared as "The National Malunggay Month".

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Education, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Health and the Chairman of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from approval thereof.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,