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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In a study conducted by the Reader's Digest Canada Magazine on common courtesies which checked whether residents of a city still honor and observe gratitude¹, the City of Manila ranked number 22. The cities of New York in America, Zurich in Switzerland and Toronto in Canada topped the "courteous cities list."

The Filipinos are renowned as a people of warm hospitality and respectful of age-old values. This is fostered heavily in our *bayanihan* spirit.

Believing that celebrating a National Thank You Day is not simply a sales/marketing promotional scheme but an idea that should be ingrained in our culture and should be practiced by generations and generations of Filipinos, this simple legislation is submitted.

Early recognition is, thus, recommended.


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¹ <http://www.readersdigest.ca/mag/2006/-07/police.php>, cited in the article "Here's to Thank You", Reggie Aspran, Philippine Daily Inquirer, D4, October 18, 2007

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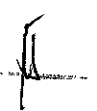
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**AN ACT
CELEBRATING THE AGE-OLD VALUE OF DISTINCT FILIPINO
BAYANIHAN SPIRIT, DECLARING FOR THE PURPOSE THE 20TH DAY OF
OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS A NATIONAL THANK YOU DAY**

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

SECTION 1. The 20th day of October of every year is hereby declared as a National Thank You Day.

The day shall be a celebration of the Filipino *bayanihan* spirit of respecting for the elders, of warm hospitality, of distinctive courtesy and a commitment that the Philippines takes pride of its age-old respectful values.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,