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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 17 May 2006, the first Filipino, Mr. Heracleo "Leo" Oracion, has reached the summit of Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain. Other Filipino mountaineers namely; Mr. Erwin "Pastor" Emata and Mr. Romeo Garduce likewise reached the summit of the highest mountain on a later date.

While on 16 May 2007, the "Kaya ng Pinay" Everest Team composed of Noelle Wenceslao, Janet Belarmino and Carina Dayondon set a record in Everest history by becoming the first ASEAN women to traverse Mt. Everest.

The above named mountaineers and all other Filipinos who have conquered Mount Everest made the nation proud and have shown the world that Filipinos have the capacity to excel if armed with determination and hard work. These Filipino mountaineers are now the Philippine's real symbol of determination, hope and success.

In order to commemorate this glorious event and to encourage the Filipino people to aim high and to excel like these mountaineers, it is proposed that the month of May of every year be designated as the "Mountaineering Month".

In view of the above, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF MAY OF EVERY YEAR
AS "MOUNTAINEERING MONTH"**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.- It is the policy of the State to promote physical education, encourage and sustain the development of sports in the country to foster physical fitness, self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

SECTION 2. The month of May of every year is hereby declared as "Mountaineering Month".

SECTION 3. Lead Agency.- In the observance of this yearly occasion, the Philippine Sports Commission shall conduct activities and programs in order to celebrate the glorious event.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.- The Philippine Sports Commission shall promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause.- If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.- Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause.- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.