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### AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 19 OF EVERY YEAR AS "ARAW NG PAGSULAT", A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY

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

- 1       SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "Araw ng Pagsulat".
- 2       SEC. 2. The State recognizes and supports endeavors that promote
- 3 "baybayin" and writing, motivate awareness and uphold our Filipino heritage
- 4 and culture, including educational activities focusing on the life of Dr. Jose
- 5 Protacio Rizal, whose role in our country's history was influenced by great
- 6 writings of different individuals.
- 7       The State likewise recognizes the importance of promoting writing as a
- 8 shared activity among the youth, families, educators and the private sector,
- 9 thereby emphasizing personal interaction and facilitating the exchange of ideas
- 10 throughout the country.

1        SEC. 3. June 19 of every year is declared as "Araw ng Pagsulat", which  
2 shall be a special working holiday, to be celebrated in all elementary and  
3 secondary schools in the country. In the event the holiday falls on a weekend,  
4 the holiday shall be observed on the Friday of that week.

5        SEC. 4. The Department of Education, in consultation with the  
6 Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino, other government agencies and units, and  
7 writing associations concerned, shall plan and implement activities for the  
8 observance of "Araw ng Pagsulat", such as writing-sessions and writing skills  
9 modules. In addition to Filipino Orthography, "baybayin" as our ancient,  
10 pre-Spanish writing system and the use of regional languages in the celebration  
11 shall be encouraged.

12        SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
13 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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