

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9198, March 24, 2003 ]**

**AN ACT DECLARING MARCH TWENTY-FIVE OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CANDON, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, AS THE "CRY OF CANDON"**

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

SECTION 1. March 25 commemorates the "Cry of Candon" in the City of Candon, Province of Ilocos Sur, when local heroes led by Don Isabelo Abaya declared the Republica de Filipinas Katipunan de Candon.

SEC. 2. In honor of the men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom, March 25 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the City of Candon.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved,

**(Sgd.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON**

*President of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) JOSE DE VENECIA JR.**

*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 8, 2002 and January 22, 2003, respectively.

**(Sgd.) OSCAR G. YABES**

*Secretary of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO**

*Secretary General  
House of Representatives*

Approved: MAR 24 2003

**(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL - ARROYO**

*President of the Philippines*



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