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HON. ROGELIO J. ESPINA, M.D.
Chairperson
House Committee on Population and Family Relations
3/F Annex Bldg., House of Representative, Quezon City

Dear Congressman Espina:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the intention of House Bill No. 5435, entitled: "*An Act Declaring February 14 of Every Year as the National Family Day,*" introduced by Rep. Rodrigo A. Abellanosa, to declare a day to celebrate the family unit's contributions to nation-building.

However, the Department as the chair of the National Committee on the Filipino Family (NCOFF) together with its members namely: National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Community Chest Foundation, Inc., and Institute of Family Life and Children Studies (IFLCS) of Philippine Women's University, strongly recommend to adopt Proclamation Nos. 60 (S. 1992): *Declaring the Last Week of Every Year as Family Week*; 847 (S. 1996): *Declaring the 4th Sunday of September as Family Thanksgiving Day*; and 326: *Declaring the Fourth Monday of September of Every Year as the "Kainang Pamilya Mahalga" Day and Amending Proclamation No. 1895, (S. 2009).*

These Proclamations have been strictly observed by national government agencies and the public in general.

For consideration of the Committee.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN
Secretary

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