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EXPLANATORY NOTE

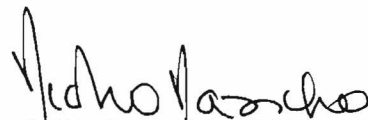
In the Philippines, freedom of religion has encouraged many sectors to spread the word of God one of them is the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) is one of the biggest groups second only to the Catholics. Headed by the late Felix Manalo, father of the present leader, the INC was founded in Punta, Sta. Ana or what is now known as the Pasig River on July 27, 1914 it has rapidly grown from a few hundred to several million members.

From a small building in Sampaloc, Manila, the INC emerged in different countries of the world, notably the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and even in Hongkong. From small churches or chapels, the INC now is the proud owner of magnificent, even grandiose edifices where the disciplined members conduct their religious services.

How the INC managed to grow to such proportions is attributable to the dedication of the leaders and the support commitment and cooperation of the members who never failed to contribute their share for the good of their church.

These leaders and members of the INC have placed the country on the map of the world and if only to recognize and acknowledge what they have done for their fatherland their founding anniversary July 26 of every year should be declared as a national holiday.

Accordingly, approval of the attached bill is requested.


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"AN ACT DECLARING THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF JULY OF EVERY YEAR, A SPECIAL NATIONAL HOLIDAY, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (INC) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. The twenty-seventh (27th) day of July of every year, is hereby declared a special national holiday for the observance of the founding anniversary of the *Iglesia ni Cristo* (INC).

SEC. 2. Section 26, Chapter 7 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 26. *Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Days.* – (1) Unless otherwise modified by law, order or proclamation, the following regular holidays and special days shall be observed in the country:

- a. Regular Holidays
 - New Year's Day - January 1
 - Maundy Thursday - Movable Date
 - Good Friday - Movable Date
 - Eidul Fitr* - Movable Date
 - Araw ng Kagitingan* - April 9
 - (Bataan and Corregidor Day)
 - Labor Day - May 1
 - Independence Day - June 12

INC FOUNDATION DAY	-	JULY 27
National Heroes' Day	-	Last Sunday of August
Bonifacio Day	-	November 30
Christmas Day	-	December 25
Rizal Day	-	December 30

b. Nationwide Special Holidays

All Saints' Day	-	November 1
Last Day of the Year	-	December 31

Provided, however, That Eidul Fitr shall be celebrated as a regional holiday in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao."

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulation, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,