

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL No. 2988

Introduced by HON. JULIETTE T. UY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to designate September 1 of every year as Araw ng Jasaan and a special non-working holiday in the said municipality of the province of Misamis Oriental.

Oral legend says that Jasaan was coined by a Spanish missionary who chanced upon a native sharpening his bolo in Sapong Spring in what is now called Kota, Aplaya. The missionary asked for the name of the place. The native replied "Ag-hasaa" that meant, "I am sharpening my bolo." The missionary thereby called the place "Ag-hasaa," but finding it difficult for him to pronounce the word, he eventually called it "Hasaan" instead. Then it was changed to "Jasaan."

The history of the Municipality of Jasaan, such as all other towns of Misamis Oriental, can be traced to the pre-Spanish colonialism era. Jasaan existed as early as 1840, but was relegated to barangay status and placed under the jurisdiction of Balingasag during the American colonial period in 1903.

Jasaanons were challenged to work for the restoration of their municipal status in the Commonwealth period. Jasaan regained its municipal status by virtue of Executive Order No. 165, issued by President Elpidio Quirino on August 18, 1948 that took effect on September 1, 1948.

On November 10, 1948, a formal inauguration took place and the first set of appointed municipal officials assumed office. On the said date, a continuous celebration of "Adlaw sa Jasaan" was annually celebrated.

From a sleepy and sparsely-populated community, Jasaan has grown and continues to develop into one of the agricultural and handicraft producing towns with more industrial and tourism potentials waiting to be tapped. Officially declaring Araw ng Jasaan a special non-working holiday shall further push the town into realizing the said potentials in the immediate future.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

Approved,


HON. JULIETTE T. UY
2nd District, Misamis Oriental

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AN ACT
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASAAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS
ORIENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE
KNOWN AS "ARAW NG JASAAN"

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

SECTION 1. September 1 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Jasaan, Province of Misamis Oriental in commemoration of its founding anniversary to be known as "Araw ng Jasaan".

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,