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HOUSE BILL NO. 3677



INTRODUCED BY: HON. MARCELINO "MARCY" R. TEODORO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Having been founded in July 27, 1914 by Felix Manalo with a handful of followers, the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) has grown in population and influence both here and abroad throughout the years.

In commemoration of the founding of the Iglesia ni Cristo and in time with the celebration of its centennial anniversary, this bill seeks to declare July 27 as a national holiday. The birth of the INC is indeed a monumental part of Philippine history, considering the monolithic religious system imposed by our colonizers.

More than a religious institution, the INC is the embodiment of the people's collective struggle towards sovereignty and nationhood. The institution represents what we have all worked hard for, helping shape our destiny as a people.

Declaring July 27th of every year as a national holiday would show greater reverence and recognition to the INC and its members' worthy spiritual endeavors.

In light of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcelino Teodoro".

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AN ACT

**DECLARING JULY 27TH OF EVERY YEAR AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY
FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO'S FOUNDING
DAY ANNIVERSARY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26,
CHAPTER 7 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. July 27th of every year is hereby declared a regular non-
working holiday for the observance of the Iglesia ni Cristo's (INC's) founding
anniversary in recognition of its exemplary feat of leading its members towards
spiritual enlightenment and good citizenry.

SECTION 2. Section 26, Chapter 7 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise
known as the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, as amended, is hereby
further 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
Eidul Adha	- Movable Date
Araw ng Kagitingan	
(Bataan and Corregidor Day)	- Monday nearest April 9
Labor Day	- Monday nearest May 1
Independence Day	- Monday nearest June 12
IGLESIA NI CRISTO (INC) ANNIVERSARY	- JULY 27
National Heroes Day	- Last Monday of August
Bonifacio Day	- Monday nearest November 30
Christmas Day	- December 25
Rizal Day	- Monday nearest December 30

“(b) Nationwide Special Holidays

Ninoy Aquino Day	- Monday nearest August 21
All Saints Day	- November 1
Last Day of the Year	- December 31

“(c) In the event the holiday falls on a Wednesday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday of the week. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday that follows:

“Provided, That for movable holidays, the President shall issue a specific date shall be declared as a nonworking day.”

SECTION 3. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, and any part thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval and complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,