

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 925



Introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the 2nd day of July as the "Araw ng Pasig".

On June 11, 1901, Act No. 137 incorporated Pasig City into the newly created province of Rizal and became its provincial capital. In 1975, Presidential Decree No. 824 made Pasig part of Metro Manila.

On July 26, 1994, Republic Act No. 7829 converted Pasig into a highly urbanized city (HUC). On January 21, 1995, through a plebiscite, the law was ratified by the people of Pasig.

On September 13, 1993, the then Municipal Council passed Ordinance No. 49, Series of 1993, proclaiming July 2 as "Araw ng Pasig" based on the findings of a Research Committee created for the purpose of determining the foundation day of Pasig. Since then, Araw ng Pasig is being celebrated on July 2.

July 2 is also a significant day in the history of Pasig. In 1573, the Pasig Cathedral, also known as the Immaculate Conception Parish, was consecrated on the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady the Blessed Virgin Mary, the original patroness of Pasig, on July 2.

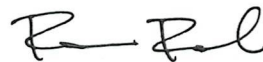
In 2004, then-President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued Proclamation No. 656 declaring July 2, 2004 a special non-working day in Pasig City to commemorate its anniversary. Thenceforth, similar Proclamations are issued by the incumbent President of the Philippines.

Pasig is located near the southeastern end of Pasig River and bounded on the east by Cainta and Taytay, on the west by Mandaluyong City, on the north Marikina City and Quezon City, on the south of Makati City, Taguig City and Pateros.

Its settlers were called "taga-ilog" or "river people." According to Dr. Jose Villa Panganiban, a noted linguist and former director of the Institute of National Language, the word "pasig" is believed to have originated from a Sanskrit term which means a "river that flowed from one body of water to another."

From a center of trade and commerce during the pre-Hispanic period, Pasig is now a highly urbanized city. Its residential, commercial, education, industrial and recreational facilities are progressively growing. It has been recognized by UNESCO and the National Commission for Culture and Arts as outstanding culture-friendly local government unit. It has garnered the Crown Award as consistent regional outstanding winner in nutrition and earned the Green Banner Award of the Department of Health (DOH) and the National Nutrition Council as the most outstanding city in NCR in nutrition program implementation and management.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the proposed measure is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
DECLARING JULY 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN PASIG CITY
TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ARAW NG PASIG"

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

1 SECTION 1. July 2 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in
2 Pasig City to be known as the "Araw ng Pasig".

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

Approved,