



Republic of the Philippines  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1034**



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Introduced by **Representative Francisco Jose F. Matugas II**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Municipality of Dapa in the Province of Surigao del Norte celebrates its annual fiesta, in honor of its patron saint, the Sto. Niño, on 16 January.

The annual *Sinulog*, highlighted by street dancing around town, has attracted both local and foreign tourists. The local government of Dapa intends to make the celebrations bigger in order to highlight its culture, products, and the warmth of its people. The celebrations will surely attract more visitors which will, in turn, contribute to the local economy.

In view of the foregoing, the local government has requested that the day of the fiesta be declared as a special non-working holiday to highlight its importance and to give the residents the opportunity to fully participate in the celebrations.

In view of the foregoing, the early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING JANUARY 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-**  
**WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA,**  
**PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE IN CELEBRATION OF ITS**  
**TOWN FIESTA**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** January 16 of every year is hereby declared a special  
2 non-working holiday in the Municipality of Dapa, Province of Surigao del  
3 Norte in celebration of its town fiesta.

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

6           *Approved,*