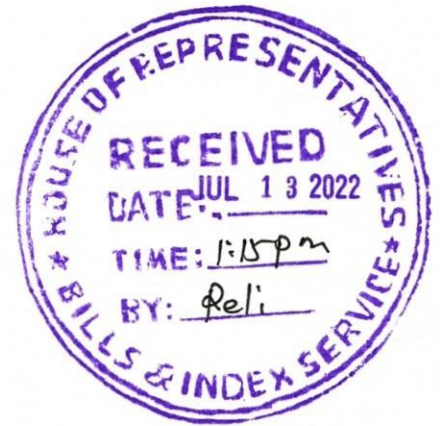


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS

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House Bill No. _____



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE EDWIN L. OLIVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure proposes for the declaration of July 27 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the Philippines in recognition of the founding anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC).

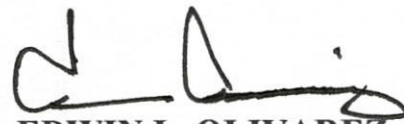
There are eleven (11) regular holidays, among which are religious in nature and significance like Christmas Day (December 25), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Eid Al Fitr (end of Ramadan). The country recognizes and celebrates these holidays not only for their religious meaning but also in recognition of the contributions of these religious organizations and their faithful to our national identity, culture, values, norms and mores, and socio-cultural development.

INC which has a membership of more than five percent (5%) of the country's population is considered to be the third largest religious organization, having around 4,800 local congregation and has members in around 100 countries.

Despite the immeasurable contributions and participation in the socio-historical development of the country and nation, the enactment of Republic Act No. 9645, the founding anniversary of the INC on July 27 remains to be a special working holiday. As such the law is remiss in providing the INC and its members the appropriate recognition and acknowledgement they deserve and

providing them a better chance to meaningfully celebrate and commemorate their founding anniversary.

This measure intends to grant the Iglesia Ni Cristo that recognition they deserve and provide a better opportunity for their church and members to celebrate and commemorate their founding anniversary. It is hoped that the approval of this measure be expedited since this has been deliberated and approved on 3rd reading by the House of Representatives and was transmitted to Senate.



EDWIN L. OLIVAREZ

**AN ACT DECLARRING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL
NATIONAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF
IGLESIA NI CRISTO ACT"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9645 is hereby amended
to read as follows:

“Sec 3. National Holidays – July 27 of every year is
hereby declared [as] a special national [working] **NON-
WORKING** holiday in commemoration of the founding
anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines.

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