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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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NINETEENTH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2053

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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO PAOLO P. ORTEGA V**

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to designate the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March as La Union Day and as a special non-working holiday in the Province. By virtue of the Superior Decreto signed by Governor General Antonio Maria Blanco on March 2, 1850, La Union was founded as the 34<sup>th</sup> Province since the founding of Cebu in 1565. On April 18, 1854, Queen Isabella II of Spain issued the royal decree from Madrid confirming Blanco's Superior Decreto.

Since then, the people of La Union referred to March 2 as "La Union Foundation Day," which they commemorate every year to celebrate the rich history, great achievements and significant contributions of its people.

In recognition of the rich culture and great achievements of this Province, this bill seeks the declaration of March 2 every year as "La Union Day," which shall be a special non-working holiday.

  
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WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION IN  
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY TO BE  
KNOWN AS "LA UNION DAY"**

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

**Section 1.** March 2 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Province of La Union in commemoration of its foundation anniversary to be known as "La Union Day".

**Section 2.** In the event that the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, or on a nationally declared non-working holiday, the holiday shall be observed on the next following business day.

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

Approved