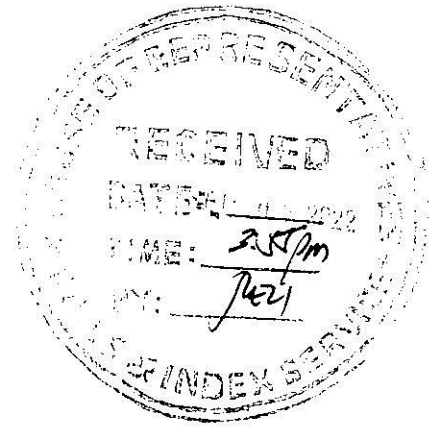


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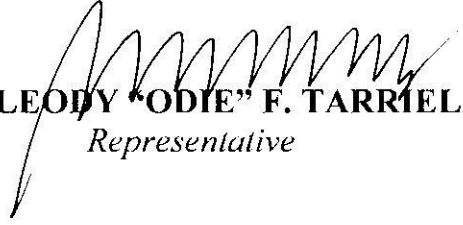
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On April 1, 1949, Former President Elpidio Quirino issued Executive Order No. 210, s. 1949 declaring the Municipality of Sta. Cruz as independent municipality from the Municipality of Mamburao. From the foregoing, April 1, 1949 marks the foundation date of the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, and has since been celebrated yearly within the municipality.

The municipality's founding anniversary is a reminder to the local community about its long-standing culture and traditions which also boosts the morale of everyone in the community. The annual festivities that often accompany this type of holiday build stronger bonds among the local population. Hence, without a doubt, the celebrations and festivities during municipal, city and provincial foundation days form part and parcel of the Filipino culture.

In this respect, the immediate consideration and passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


HON. LEODY "ODIE" F. TARRIELA
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AN ACT
DECLARING APRIL 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS 'ARAW NG
STA. CRUZ', A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ

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

SECTION 1. April 1 of every year is hereby declared as special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, to be known as "Araw ng Sta. Cruz," in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

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

APPROVED,