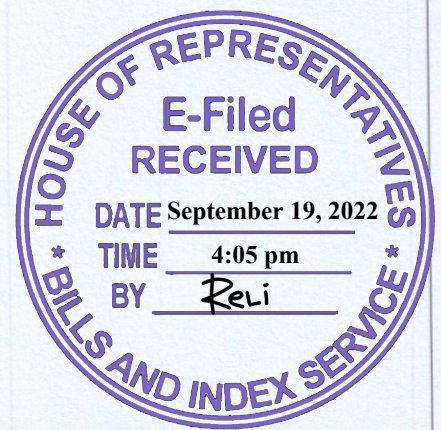


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4965



**Introduced by HONORABLE REX GATCHALIAN AND
HONORABLE ERIC MARTINEZ**

**AN ACT
DECLARING NOVEMBER 12 OF EVERY YEAR AS A REGULAR HOLIDAY IN
THE CITY OF VALENZUELA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Valenzuela's colorful history dates back to pre-colonial era. It was located in a flourishing agricultural and fishing town, and a part of the land area which included present-day Quezon City, Novaliches, and Obando, Bulacan. The city's early inhabitants considered it as a separate island or "*pulo*" since several bodies of water bound the area. During the colonial rule, it was renamed as "*Polo*."

For a long time, Polo's early settlers resisted Spanish rule by taking part in a series of epic battles against the Spanish forces of Miguel Lopez de Legazpi. They were also enlisted in the infamous Battle of *Bangkusay* on 3 June 1571, headed by Rajah Sulayman of the Manila Kingdom where they lost. After the Spaniards captured Manila and its neighboring towns, Polo was incorporated into the township of Catangalan (present day Meycauayan). Three (3) centuries later, the local *inteligencia* and political leaders of Polo, including Dr. Pio Valenzuela, supported the Katipunan revolution.

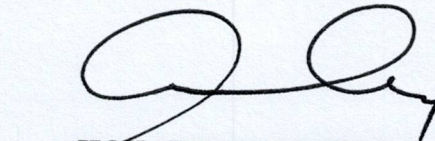
After the Spaniards established the Manila archdiocese on 14 August 1595, the friars who had set up churches in Catangalan called for further division of the vast town, to enhance efforts to convert locals into the Catholic faith. On **12 November 1623**, Spanish Governor-General Alonso Fajardo de Entenza ordered the separation of sitio Polo from Catangalan and its establishment as an independent town.

This bill seeks to declare the 12th of November every year as a regular holiday in Valenzuela City to commemorate its founding anniversary.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** November 12 of every year is hereby declared as a regular holiday
2 in the entire City of Valenzuela to commemorate its foundation day,

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4 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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6 *Approved,*