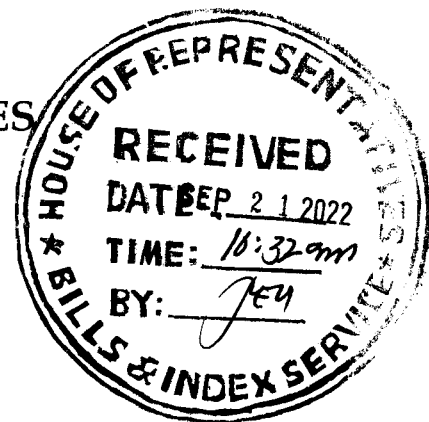


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House Bill No. **5042**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

San Mateo, Rizal has emerged as one of the most progressive Municipalities in the Philippines. Its mountainous terrains, scenic parks, and resorts and San Mateo's proximity to the National Capital Region make it a vacation haven to local and foreign tourists and an ideal residential district. San Mateo, Rizal is also bustling with various activities that also contributes to the continuous and steady growth of the Municipality.

San Mateo is said to have acquired its name from Saint Matthew the Apostle, whose feast day is September 21. Although the founding year has not been categorically established, one thing that is certain is that the municipality and its constituents celebrate the feast of St. Matthew, which is September 21, as the Municipality's founding day.

This Bill is being proposed to declare September 21 of every year as a special nonworking holiday. This is for the celebration of the foundation day of San Mateo, Rizal. This representation respectfully believes that the people of San Mateo, Rizal deserve a special nonworking holiday on its foundation day because the entire municipality and its people have tirelessly worked hard for the Municipality's continuous progress.

To formally declare September 21 of every year as "San Mateo Day" or "Araw ng San Mateo" and making it a special nonworking holiday shall bring great joy and pride to the people of San Mateo, Rizal.

In view thereof, early approval of this bill is hereby sought.


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"AN ACT

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NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN SAN MATEO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY TO BE KNOWN AS
THE "SAN MATEO DAY" OR "ARAW NG BAYAN NG SAN MATEO".**

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

SECTION 1. September 21 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in San Mateo, Rizal to be known as "San Mateo Day" or "Araw ng San Mateo" in commemoration of its Foundation Day.

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.