

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5088



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Introduced by **HONORABLE RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III,**  
**HONORABLE LANI MERCADO-REVILLA, and HONORABLE BRYAN B. REVILLA**

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

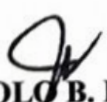
This bill seeks to declare July 27 of every year as a special national non-working holiday in the Philippines to recognize the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo.

On July 27, 1914, Brother Felix Y. Manalo registered the Iglesia ni Cristo. He became its first Executive Minister, training ministers in the process, and even baptizing as converts some of his persecutors. More than a century after it was founded, the 2015 Philippine census reported that there are around 2.664 million Iglesia ni Cristo Filipinos.

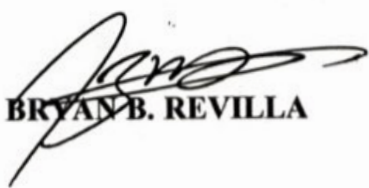
As one of the biggest religious organizations in the country, it is but proper to recognize their founding anniversary as a special national non-working holiday, given that five (5) of our regular holidays are religious in nature (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Eid'l Fitr, Eid'l Adha, and Christmas Day).

Republic Act No. 9645, "Commemoration of the Founding Anniversary of Iglesia ni Cristo Act", was enacted to recognize the exemplary feat of Iglesia ni Cristo in leading its members towards spiritual enlightenment and good citizenry. More than a decade after, we seek to further bolster this recognition by seeking to declare July 27 of every year as a special national non-working holiday in the Philippines.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III**

  
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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NATIONAL NON-WORKING**  
**HOLIDAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645,**  
**OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING**  
**ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO”**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine 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.”

**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,*