

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Philippines

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5435



Introduced by Representative Michael B. Gorriceta

EXPLANATORY NOTE

General Martin T. Delgado was born in Sta. Barbara, Iloilo on November 11, 1858. At the age of 25, he was appointed as the *teniente mayor* and *capitan municipal* under the Spanish Colonial Government of the Philippines. He later on became the Chief Revolutionary leader in the island of Panay and was instrumental in leading numerous uprisings against the Spaniards that led to The Cry of Sta. Barbara on November 17, 1898, signalling the end of the Spanish Rule in the country. This was the first time that the Philippine Flag was raised outside of Luzon following the June 12, 1898 Proclamation of Independence in Kawit, Cavite.

This measure, which seeks to commemorate Gen. Martin T. Delgado's birth anniversary, is a fitting tribute for his heroism and bravery that encouraged individuals to revolt against the Spanish rule. Furthermore, by memorializing his birth, we give recognition to the life he has lived and his dedication to obtain "*kahilwayan*" or freedom for the Ilonggos.

When enacted, this yearly celebration of his life and legacy, is meant to inspire the current and future generations to ignite patriotism and pattern their lives in pursuit of service and love for country.

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

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AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT ILONGGO REVOLUTIONARY GEN. MARTIN T. DELGADO TO BE KNOWN AS GEN. MARTIN T. DELGADO DAY

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

SECTION 1. November 11 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Province of Iloilo in commemoration of the birth anniversary of the great Ilonggo Revolutionary Gen. Martin T. Delgado which shall be known as “Gen. Martin T. Delgado Day”.

SECTION 2. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in consultation with the National Historical Institute (NHI) shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan with and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.

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,