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Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. 8111

INTRODUCED BY REP. HARRIS CHRISTOPHER M. ONGCHUAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

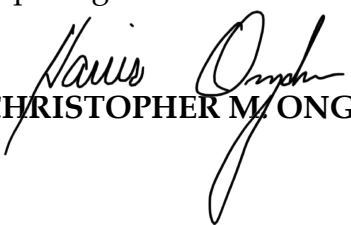
The municipality of Laoang, is one of the Twenty Four municipalities (24) comprising the Province of Northern Samar.

According to the local records, Laoang became a pueblo and a full-fledged parish during the year 1768. The records do not provide as to the exact month and specific day of its establishment. It was said that, in 1767, Charles III issued a decree expelling the Jesuits from Spain and from Spanish Colonies around the world. The order of the expulsion arrived in Samar in September 1768. From the Jesuit hands, the Franciscan staffed the residence of Palapag and Catbalogan. Consequently, in that same year, a Franciscan priest took over the management of the Laoang Parish Church and complained to the authorities of not having received any record from the Jesuits.

During the year 2009, the Municipal Council for Culture and the Arts exerted a renewed effort to ascertain the exact dates of the founding of the municipality, but to no avail. Time pressured for the upcoming town fiesta, the Sangguiniang Bayan of Laoang decided to pass Ordinance No. 122, series of 2009, fixing September 20 as the founding anniversary of the municipality of Laoang. Since then, the municipality celebrates every September 20 of the year as its founding anniversary.

To provide the local government officials and its people a perfect opportunity to celebrate this momentous occasion, this bill seeks to declare every September 20 of the year as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Laoang, Northern Samar, in commemoration of its Founding Anniversary.

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


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AN ACT

**DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN
SAMAR, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY**

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

SECTION 1. September 20 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Laoang, Province of Northern Samar in commemoration of its foundation day.

SEC 2. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.