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HOUSE BILL NO. **8359**



INTRODUCED BY REP. FERJENEL G. BIRON, M.D.

**AN ACT DECLARING THE 5TH OF MAY OF EVERY YEAR AS A LOCAL
NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANGAS,
PROVINCE OF ILOILO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

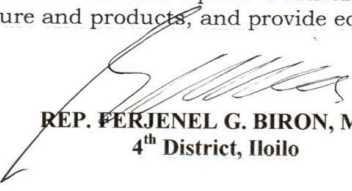
The Municipality of Dumangas in the Province of Iloilo is a thriving community known for its rich cultural heritage and agro-industrial productivity. Every year, the town celebrates its Agro-Industrial-Cultural Fair and Sports Festival, a five-day event showcasing the town's abundant resources and local products. The festival brings together various sectors of the community, including farmers, fisherfolks, entrepreneurs, and artists, to showcase their skills and products, promoting trade, tourism, and cultural awareness.

The event has become an important avenue for the people of Dumangas to harness and utilize their resources, promote their products, and develop their skills and talents. It has also become an occasion for people from neighboring towns and cities to visit and experience the unique culture and products of Dumangas.

In recognition of the significance of the Agro-Industrial-Cultural Fair and Sports Festival, this bill seeks to declare the fifth day of May of every year as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Dumangas, Iloilo. The holiday aims to provide an opportunity for the people of Dumangas to fully participate in the celebration and for visitors to fully appreciate the town's unique culture and products. By declaring this day a holiday, the local government unit of Dumangas can ensure the proper observance of the festival and encourage wider participation among its constituents.

The implementation of this bill will also provide economic benefits to the town, as it will attract more tourists and generate more revenue for the local businesses.

In view of the foregoing, I seek to enact this bill into law to recognize the importance of the Agro-Industrial-Cultural Fair and Sports Festival to the people of Dumangas, promote their culture and products, and provide economic benefits to the town.


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Section 1. Declaration of a Local Non-Working Holiday. - The 5th of May of every year is hereby declared as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Dumangas, Province of Iloilo in commemoration of the town's Annual Agro-Industrial-Cultural Fair and Sports Festival.

Sec. 2. Observance of the Holiday. - The local government unit of Dumangas shall take the necessary measures to ensure the proper observance of the holiday. All government offices and agencies, as well as private establishments, are encouraged to participate in the celebration.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,