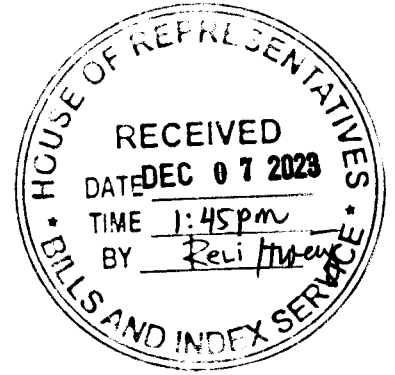




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House Bill No. **9685**

Introduced by
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Representative, 1st District Cagayan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare every 20th of May of every year as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Gattaran, Province of Cagayan to celebrate its founding anniversary. The identification of the foundation or the beginning of every local government unit is an important undertaking in the enrichment of its cultural and historical heritage. The history of the Municipality of Gattaran can be traced back during the reign of Spaniards when Dominican Missionaries in the Philippines started to propagate the Catholic faith in the whole archipelago.

Historically, Gattaran is a *pueblo* which formed an ecclesiastical jurisdiction with Nassiping in the island of Luzon, province of Cagayan and had been under the diocese of Nueva Segovia. Under the patronage of Santa Catalina, the town was founded by the Order of Preachers, otherwise known as the Dominican Order, on 20 May 1623. The present day Gattaran was composed of three former ecclesiastical towns namely Nassiping, Dummun, and Gattaran proper.

It has been the aspiration of leaders, historians, researchers, academicians, educators and other sectors of society of this locality to determine and declare the founding anniversary of the Municipality of Gattaran to showcase the people's way of life and culture; their collective aspiration to achieve peace and unity in the form of thanksgiving; and the

holding of various activities participated by all sectors within its territorial jurisdiction.

The declaration of May 20, 1623 as the official foundation day of the Municipality of Gattaran will further enhance the cultural and historical enlightenment and social consciousness of our people.

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SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
GATTARAN, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN IN CELEBRATION OF ITS
FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS "ALDAW TI GATTARAN".**

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

SECTION 1. May 20 of each year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Gattaran, Province of Cagayan in celebration of its founding anniversary to be known as "Aldaw ti Gattaran".

SECTION 2. In the event that the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, or on a declared national non-working holiday, the holiday shall be celebrated on the next working day.

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

Approved.