

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
2nd Regular Session

House Bill No. **9745**



Introduced by Representative ERIC GO YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Mankayan in the Province of Benguet holds the year 1913 dear to its heart because it is when the municipality was established as a municipal district that is annexed to then the sub-province of Benguet, thereby resulting to the recognition of its local government officials after being under the jurisdiction of Lepanto – Bontoc Province in 1903. It was only on June 6, 1955 when Mankayan was converted from a municipal district into a regular municipality, by virtue of Republic Act 1302.

Currently, the municipality of Mankayan is known as a mining town, being the location of several mines, including the Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company. It is a first-class municipality comprising twelve (12) barangays, namely: Balili, Bedbed, Bulalacao, Cabiten, Colalo, Guinaoang, Paco, Palasaan, Poblacion, Sapid, Tabio, and Taneg. Hailed as the “Bossom of Gold and Copper of Benguet” for being a gold and copper haven in the province, Mankayan is graced with the mineral rich land and mountains, vibrant history and astounding cultures and traditions which are commemorated and celebrated annually during its Foundation Day – every second Thursday of March pursuant to the Municipal Ordinance No. 2004-01 passed by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mankayan on January 26, 2004. Thus, this bill seeks to declare the second Thursday of March every year as special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Mankayan in honor of the celebration and commemoration.

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



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AN ACT

DECLARING THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANKAYAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "MANKAYAN DAY"

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

SECTION 1. Second Thursday of March of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet, to be known as "Mankayan Day" in commemoration of its Founding Anniversary.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,