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NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9774



Introduced by Agusan del Norte, 2nd District Representative
HON. DALE B. CORVERA

AN ACT
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 29 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NASIPIT, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE IN CELEBRATION OF THE DUNGGO FESTIVAL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The rich history of the Municipality of Nasipit as a coastal community can be traced back to as early as the 1880s when it was still characterized as a pueblo by the Spanish colonizers. In fact, according to folklore, its name was derived from the shape of the shoreline of the Butuan Bay which resembles a claw-like "sipit" structure.

Nasipit was officially separated from the municipality of Butuan on 01 August 1929. It became a municipality by virtue of Executive Order No. 181, issued by Acting Governor-General Eugene Gilmore of the United States Army. Today, it is composed of 19 barangays.

Because of its natural submarine topography, which allows bigger ships to dock, Nasipit has been an ideal destination for sea trade and transport, both local and international. Domestic and convention-sized ships can be regularly recorded calling Nasipit Port for docking.

To commemorate the vital contribution of sea trade to the development of the Municipality of Nasipit, it celebrates its official festival every 29th of September, known as the Dunggo ("to dock") Festival. The festival flaunts Nasipit's rich history and beauty through festive activities including; colorful fluvial parade, alluring beauty pageant and jovial street dancing competitions.

In honor of the vital contribution of Nasipitnons to their town's socioeconomic progress and to allow them to prepare, enjoy and fully participate in the celebrations, this representation believes that September 29 of every year should be declared as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Nasipit, Province of Agusan del Norte in celebration of the Dunggo Festival.

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

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

Section 1. September 29 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Nasipit, Province of Agusan del Norte, in celebration of the "Dunggo Festival".

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

Approved,