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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9812

Introduced by Representative **CARLITO S. MARQUEZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the second Friday of October of every year as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of New Washington, Province of Aklan in commemoration of the Feast of our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary.

In accordance with the official Catholic Church calendar, the Shrine of the Most Holy Rosary Church and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of New Washington diligently host a myriad of church and civic activities that align with the revered feast associated with the Holy Rosary. The tapestry of events serves as a testament to the community's deep-rooted faith and commitment to both spiritual and civic engagement.

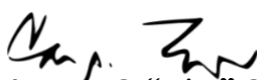
An integral part of the local tradition is the enthusiastic involvement of the residents of New Washington in the religious festival, a cherished custom that resonates with the essence of the feast. This lively celebration underscores the community's collective belief in the profound intercessory power attributed to the Holy Rosary.

The religious feast not only signifies a vibrant expression of religious fervor but also serves as a poignant demonstration of the efficacious intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The LGU of New Washington, in keeping with this tradition, wholeheartedly dedicates itself to honoring and celebrating the divine protection bestowed upon the faithful through the constant intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Adding to the spiritual significance of the occasion, the late Archbishop Jaime Cardinal L. Sin of both Archdiocese of Iloilo and the Archdiocese of Manila was a devoted follower of the Virgin Mary. His connection to New Washington adds a profound layer of reverence to the festivities, reinforcing the community's spiritual ties with one of its esteemed hometown figures.

This collective dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary is not merely a religious formality but an authentic expression of the LGU New Washington's profound love and unwavering devotion. The declaration resonates as a heartfelt commitment to nurturing and preserving the spiritual legacy passed down through generations, underscoring the enduring connection between the community and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


ENGR. CARLITO “Lito” S. MARQUEZ

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The second Friday of October of every year is hereby declared a
2 special non-working holiday in the Municipality of New Washington, Province of Aklan,
3 in honor of the Holy Virgin Mary, the Patroness of the Feast of our Lady of the Most Holy
4 Rosary.

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

Approved,