

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 10090



Introduced by Representative Michael John R. Duavit

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The HAMAKA festival, also known as the “Araw ng Pasasalamat”, is a weeklong celebration of thanksgiving. The festivities set the stage for Taytayeños to show their talent in woodworks, clothing and design.

HAMAKA is derived from three words; HA is for “hamba” referring to the local wood and sash work trade, the MA is for “makina” or a sewing machine used by the garment industry and KA for “kasuotan” meaning clothing to which the municipality is most famous for.

The Municipality of Taytay is well known for these as they are adept in showcasing their artistry and craftsmanship in their products. Over time, the Municipality of Taytay was recognized as the Woodworks and Garments Capital of the Philippines.

Furthermore, traditionally the term HAMAKA means duyan or hammock in English. Our National Hero, Dr. Jose Rizal used a hammock with her mother, Teodora to travel from Taytay to Antipolo showing its durability.

Truly, the term HAMAKA has its different meanings but shows only one thing – power. As such, in gratitude to the greatness which the Municipality of Taytay has been receiving and to honor its rich history, this bill seeks to declare every 3rd Monday of February a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Taytay, Rizal.


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**AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 3RD MONDAY OF FEBRUARY AS A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY FOR THE WHOLE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY, RIZAL IN
CELEBRATION OF THE HAMAKA FESTIVAL OR THE “ARAW NG PASASALAMAT”**

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

SECTION 1. Every 3rd Monday of February is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal in commemoration of the HAMAKA Festival. This is to allow the citizens of Taytay to give thanks for the products, whether industrial or in agriculture, they have produced and acquired from the previous year.

SECTION 2. All laws, orders, presidential issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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,