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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
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House Bill No. **10130**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE MARCELINO C. LIBANAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

“History is who we are and why we are the way we are.” Thus said David McCullough, an American historian.

The province of Eastern Samar was born on November 9, 1965. On that day, the province of Samar – consisting of the whole of the third biggest island in the Philippines – ratified in a plebiscite Republic Act No. 4221 and converted the existing congressional districts into three provinces – Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, and (Western) Samar.

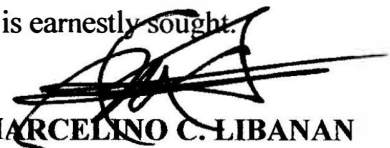
Eastern Samar’s Foundation Day – which it shares with its sibling provinces – is therefore a day of immense pride and grateful celebration. It is also a reminder for its people, as well as of the entire country, that on that day the province of Eastern Samar saw the light of day.

While the Administrative Code empowers the President to proclaim local special holidays, such proclamations appear to lack permanence and need to be renewed every year. It is therefore only apt and proper that Eastern Samar’s Foundation Day be written into our statute books so that it may no longer be forgotten.

Thus, the commemoration of Eastern Samar Day is not only a reflection on the past but also a celebration of the progress the province has made since its founding. It serves as an opportunity for residents to engage in activities that reinforce their commitment to the province's continued prosperity and well-being. By marking this day as a special non-working holiday, the Act provides an opportunity for the people of Eastern Samar to come together in reflection, celebration, and aspiration towards a brighter future for their province.

For as the Jamaican activist, Marcus Garvey, said: “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING NOVEMBER 9 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR IN COMMEMORATION OF
ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "EASTERN SAMAR DAY"

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

SECTION 1. November 9 of every year is hereby declared as a special nonworking holiday in the Province of Eastern Samar, to be known as "Eastern Samar Day" in commemoration of its Founding Anniversary.

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,