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House Bill No. 611

Introduced by Representative **ANTONINO B. ROMAN III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10776 declares May 8 of every year as “Hermosa Day,” commemorating the founding anniversary of the Municipality of Hermosa, Province of Bataan. However, the law currently classifies this date as a special working holiday, which does not afford the majority of Hermosa’s working population the full opportunity to participate meaningfully in the civic, cultural, and commemorative activities organized in observance of their town’s historic foundation.

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 10776 by converting “Hermosa Day” into a special non-working holiday, thereby aligning Hermosa’s commemoration with similar legislative declarations for other municipalities and cities whose foundation or charter days have been granted non-working status. For instance, Cavite City observes Cavite City Day as a special non-working holiday under Republic Act No. 9813; Calaca, Batangas, celebrates its cityhood anniversary as a non-working holiday pursuant to Republic Act No. 11404; and Lipa City Day enjoys the same classification under Republic Act No. 10604. These precedents recognize the significance of local history, encourage tourism and cultural development, and reinforce community participation in annual civic events.

By reclassifying May 8 as a special non-working holiday, this measure gives due recognition to the socio-historical importance of Hermosa’s founding and places it on equal legislative footing with other localities that celebrate similar holidays. It is consistent with the constitutional principles of promoting local autonomy, advancing cultural heritage, and strengthening Filipino identity.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10776, ENTITLED "AN ACT DECLARING
MAY 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS HERMOSA DAY AND A SPECIAL WORKING
HOLIDAY AND NO CLASS DAY IN SCHOOLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
HERMOSA, PROVINCE OF BATAAN"

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

SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10776. -- Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10776 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. May 8 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday and a no-class day in all schools in the Municipality of Hermosa, Province of Bataan, in commemoration of its founding anniversary and in recognition of its rich historical and cultural heritage. The holiday shall be known as Hermosa Day.

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,