



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 761

Introduced by **Representative Francisco T. Matugas**



EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Dapa, located in the Province of Surigao del Norte, annually celebrates its town fiesta on January 16 in honor of its patron saint, the Holy Sto. Niño. This celebration is a deeply rooted cultural and religious tradition that brings together residents, visitors, and community stakeholders in thanksgiving, festivity, and unity.

Declaring the date of the town fiesta as a **special non-working holiday** within the municipality will allow constituents to fully participate in the religious and socio-cultural activities associated with the occasion. It will likewise support local economic activity by promoting tourism and community engagement.

This bill was filed by former Congressman Francisco Jose F. Matugas II during the 18th and 19th Congresses. During the last Congress, it was approved by the Senate with amendments. Unfortunately, there was lack of material time to conduct a bicameral conference between the two (2) chambers.

In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING JANUARY 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO
DEL NORTE, IN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ITS PATRON SAINT,
THE HOLY SANTO NIÑO

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

1 **SECTION 1.** January 16 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working
2 holiday 1 in the Municipality of Dapa, Province of Surigao del Norte, in celebration
3 of the feast of its Patron 2 Saint, the Holy Santo Niño.

4 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
5 *Official 4 Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

6 Approved,