

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1117



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**Introduced by: HON. ROMEO S. MOMO, SR.**

20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Philippines (2025 – 2028)  
District Representative, Surigao del Sur

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The town of San Miguel in Surigao del Sur, Philippines is a rice granary of the province. The town has a strong agricultural heritage and part of it is the celebration of the “Humayanon Festival” named after the indigenous word "Humay," meaning "a grain of rice." This annual Festival in San Miguel is a celebration of the rice harvest, expressing gratitude to local farmers who work tirelessly to sustain the community. The festival highlights the importance of rice as a staple food and symbolizes unity and prosperity. It is a time when the past and present blend through traditional rituals and culinary delights made from freshly harvested rice, showcasing the town's rich history and cultural traditions.

The Humayanon Festival stands as a heartfelt tribute to the relentless dedication of local farmers whose hard work and perseverance contribute to the flourishing rice fields. It underscores the paramount importance of rice as a staple food in the community, symbolizing sustenance, unity, and prosperity for its residents. San Miguel's cultural tapestry and agricultural traditions are intrinsically woven into its history, forming an elaborate mosaic that honors the significance of rice cultivation.

This bill seeking to declare June 13 of every year as a special non-working day in the Municipality of San Miguel, 1<sup>st</sup> District of Surigao Del Sur, serves as a meaningful and necessary recognition of the town's cultural identity and heritage. It promotes unity, tourism, economic development, and educational enrichment, all of which are essential for the growth and well-being of the community. This bill seeks to ensure the continued celebration and preservation of the unique cultural traditions of San Miguel, Surigao del Sur, for generations to come.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ROMEO S. MOMO SR.", enclosed within a large, loopy oval scribble.

**ROMEO S. MOMO SR.**  
First District, Surigao del Sur

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**AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 13 OF EVERY YEAR AS A LOCAL SPECIAL NON-  
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, SURIGAO  
DEL SUR PROVINCE**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Humayonon Festival named after an indigenous word “Humay” meaning “a grain of rice” is an annual festivity the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Surigao del Sur .

**SECTION 2.** The festival held every June 13 of the year is a celebration of the rice harvest, expressing gratitude to local farmers who works tirelessly to sustain the community.

**SECTION 3.** June 13 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Surigao Del Sur, to be known as “Humayanon Festival”.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.