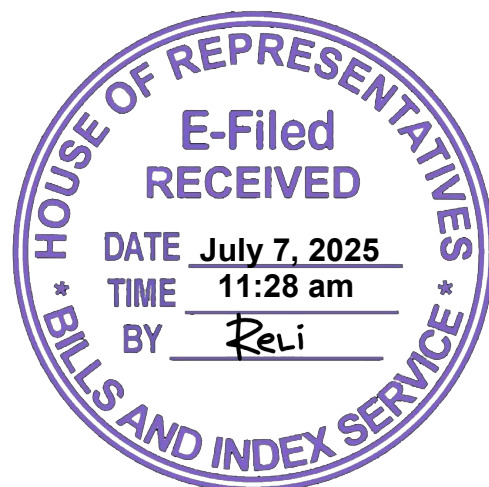




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HOUSE BILL NO. **1414**

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE ROMEO S. MOMO, SR.**

**AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS “ARAW NG CARMEN,”
A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN,
SURIGAO DEL SUR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The town of Carmen, Surigao del Sur was first created as an independent municipality by virtue of Executive Order No. 197 dated November 17, 1965. However, three (3) months after the issuance of said Executive Order, the same was revoked and Carmen was cradled back into its former mother town of Lanuza, Surigao del Sur.

After almost six (6) years, or on July 16, 1971, the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos signed into law Republic Act No. 6367 again creating Carmen, Surigao del Sur as a municipality.

Notwithstanding the issuance of the foregoing Republic Act on July 16, 1971, the Municipality of Carmen has religiously celebrated its founding anniversary on November 17 of every year for forty-two (42) years to date. However, during said founding date, all private, national, and local government offices have been obliged to work absent an official declaration celebrating its founding anniversary.

This measure seeks to declare November 17 of every year a special nonworking holiday to celebrate the “*Araw ng Carmen*,” in commemoration of the Municipality of Carmen’s founding anniversary. It cannot be gainsaid that a municipality’s founding anniversary serves as a reminder to its people and the local community of Carmen’s long-standing culture and tradition. The annual celebration, which likewise serves to boost the morale of the community, shall encourage stronger bonds between its neighbors and foster a culture of togetherness and camaraderie.

In view of the foregoing, approval of the instant bill is earnestly prayed for.

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

SECTION 1. November 17 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur, to be known as “*Araw ng Carmen*,” in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

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

Approved,