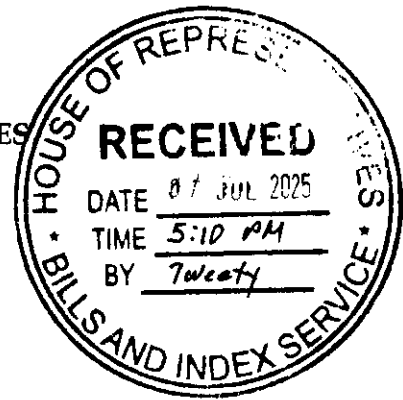


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House Bill No. **1510**



Introduced by Representatives ERIC GO YAP and EDVIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It was on July 15, 1987 when Executive Order No. 220 was signed into law, establishing the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) composed of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mountain Province, and Baguio City. The said law then states that CAR shall have the following purposes: (a) to administer the affairs of government in the region, (b) to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units of the region, and (c) to prepare for the establishment of the autonomous region in the Cordilleras.

However, for the people of Cordillera, this is not just a celebration of the region's foundation. This special day also signifies their consistent call for regional autonomy, which shall further enable the preservation and strengthening of the region's culture and of the self-determination and rights of the Igorots. This bill seeks to declare July 15 of every year a special nonworking holiday in the whole CAR in commemoration of its founding anniversary, to be known as the "Cordillera Day."

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

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HON. ERIC GO YAP

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

SECTION 1. July 15 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Cordillera Administrative Region to be known as "Cordillera Day" in commemoration of its foundation day.

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,