



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

**TWENTIETH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **1538**



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**INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE AMADO CARLOS BOLILIA IV**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This representation is in receipt of Resolution no. 2022-155 from the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Rosario, Province of Batangas, requesting the Representative of the 4<sup>th</sup> District to sponsor a bill declaring June 9 of every year as a special (non-working) holiday in celebration of the founding anniversary of Rosario.

Dubbed “the Rice Granary of Batangas”, the Municipality of Rosario celebrates their founding anniversary every year with creative displays of *Sinukmani* or sticky rice pastries, a local delicacy. The celebrations, steeped in history and culture, also include the religious folk dance *Subli*, which is performed on the streets by participants from schools and other sectors of society.

Declaring June 9 as a special (non-working) holiday in Rosario will allow its people to celebrate in a colorful and meaningful way the history and milestones that the town has achieved over the decades. This bill was filed in the 19th Congress as HB 7010 which passed 3rd reading, and was transmitted to the Senate. However, due to lack of material time, it did not pass the upper chamber. As such, I am refiling this bill with hope that it will pass both chambers in this 20th Congress.

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

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**AN ACT**

**DECLARING JUNE 9 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING)  
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, IN  
CELEBRATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY**

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

**SECTION 1.** June 9 of every year is hereby declared a special (non-working) holiday in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of Batangas, in celebration of its founding anniversary.

**SECTION 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,