



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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2512

Introduced by Representative Francisco A. Barzaga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare November 26 of every year a special non-working holiday in the City of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, in commemoration of its founding anniversary and the annual “*Paruparo Festival*.”

During the second anniversary of the Cityhood of Dasmariñas, the Paruparo Festival was introduced as the official festival of the City of Dasmariñas pursuant to Resolution No. 069-s-2011 and Special Ordinance No. 02-s-2011 approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Dasmariñas.

Since November 26, 2011, the Paruparo Festival is celebrated every 26th of November by the City of Dasmariñas to commemorate its founding anniversary as a city. Similar to the metamorphosis of a “paruparo” or butterfly, the City of Dasmariñas started as a barrio of Imus, Cavite, declared as a municipality in 1864 and chartered as a city in 2009. Like a “paruparo”, the City of Dasmariñas has undergone stages of development and transformed to a progressive city from a simple barrio.

In support of the celebration of the founding anniversary of the City of Dasmariñas, Congress enacted Republic Act (RA) No. 11461, entitled “*An Act Declaring November 26 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday in the City of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, and All its Barangays to be Known as the ‘Foundation Day of the City of Dasmariñas.’*” Under RA 11461, unless the President of the Philippines proclaims November 26 as non-working holiday, November 26 of every year in the City of Dasmariñas is still a working day that prevents all Dasmariñenos to join and fully enjoy the founding anniversary celebration.

This proposed bill, declaring November 26 of every year a special non-working holiday, will allow every Dasmarineño to celebrate the founding anniversary and Paruparo Festival of the City of Dasmariñas and showcase their artistry and ingenuity in visual and performing arts and other activities. The celebration of Paruparo Festival symbolizes the city's willingness to embrace change just like a butterfly.

The declaration of November 26 of every year a special non-working holiday to celebrate the Paruparo Festival and the city's founding anniversary is a fitting tribute to the people of the City of Dasmariñas.

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



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AN ACT

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OF CAVITE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY AND THE ANNUAL “*PARU-PARO FESTIVAL*”**

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

SECTION 1. November 26 of every year is declared a special non-working
holiday in the City of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, in commemoration of its
founding anniversary and the Paruparo Festival.

SEC. 2. Republic Act No. 11461, entitled “*An Act Declaring November
26 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday in the City of Dasmariñas, Province
of Cavite, and All its Barangays to be Known as the ‘Foundation Day of the City
of Dasmariñas,’*” is repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
