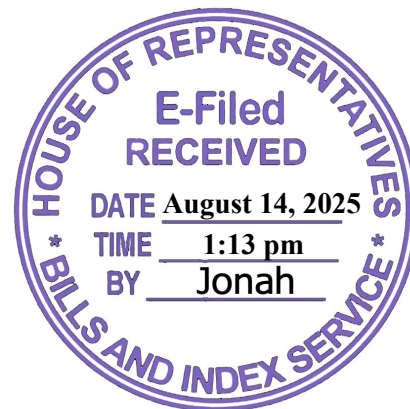


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HOUSE BILL NO. 3739



Introduced by **HON. MIGUEL LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Nabua is a first-class municipality in the Province of Camarines Sur. It has 42 component barangays which occupy an approximate land area of 96.20 square kilometers and is home to at least 86,490 inhabitants as of the 2020 Census.

Nabua traces the historical origin of its name way back during the Spanish colonial period. It was said that in 1571, an Augustinian Friar named Fray Alonzo Gimenez was offered to partake in the inside shoot of coconut which the natives called "boa" when he was in a rancheria called "Lupa." Immediately, Fray Alonzo named the place "Nabua." Meanwhile, based on the 1734 Murillo-Velarde map, one of the earliest cartographic maps of the Philippine archipelago, the town was formerly identified as "Nava" meaning "level piece of ground," which is an apt description considering that it is a landlocked, flat-level terrain.¹

Home of the modern *kuntaw* and *jota rojana*, Nabua's culture remains vibrant with a rich array of traditions held annually including the "Alinsangan Boa-boahan Festival" which is an observance of thanksgiving traced back to the pre-Spanish era. In terms of economy, Nabua remains predominantly agricultural with strategic areas for commercial development.

This measure seeks to declare July 27 of every year a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Nabua, Province of Camarines Sur in commemoration of its founding anniversary. Declaring this day as a special nonworking holiday allows the community to revisit its history and reconnect with its cultural roots through appropriate ceremonies and festivities. It is also a way of ensuring the participation of the constituent of the Nabua, including the different agencies, institutions, departments, and offices within the municipality.

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


HON. MIGUEL LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE

¹ Municipality of Nabua, Province of Camarines Sur Website. <https://nabua.gov.ph/history/>

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HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NABUA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS
“NABUA DAY”**

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

SECTION 1. July 27 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Nabua, Province of Camarines Sur, to be known as “Nabua Day,” in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

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

Approved,