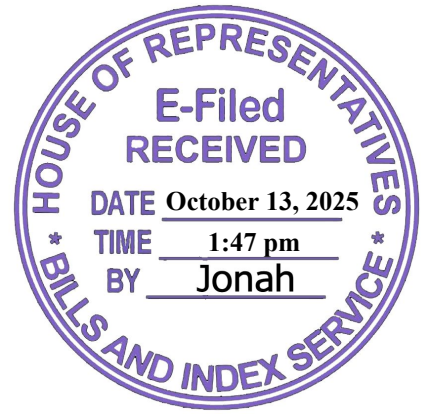


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On October 12, 1903, the Philippine Commission enacted Act No. 940, formally creating the Municipality of Prieto Diaz in the Province of Sorsogon. By naming the municipality after Fathers Gabriel Prieto and Severino Diaz, two of the Fifteen Martyrs of Bicol who were executed by firing squad at Luneta for cooperating with the Katipunan during the 1987 Philippine Revolution, their heroism and sacrifice remain unforgotten, and the memory of their courage instills values of patriotism for generations of Sorsoganons.

Since Act No. 940's enactment, the municipality celebrates its founding anniversary every 12th of October, serving as a testament to its rich heritage and enduring traditions. This annual commemoration is not merely a marker of its historical creation but also a celebration of its people's shared identity, resilience, and aspirations. As a unifying occasion, the anniversary brings together residents in meaningful activities that honor customs, showcase artistry, and preserve narratives that define the community's character. In doing so, it strengthens community pride, safeguards cultural heritage, and inspires every citizen to contribute to the growth, unity, and prosperity of Prieto Diaz for generations to come.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 12 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL
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OF SORSOGON, TO BE KNOWN AS “PRIETO DIAZ FOUNDATION DAY”, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY**

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

SECTION 1. October 12 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Prieto Diaz, Province of Sorsogon, to be known as “Prieto Diaz Foundation Day” in commemoration of the municipality’s 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,