

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **5772**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE MARK O. COJUANGCO**

AN ACT
DECLARING APRIL 30 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF URBIZTONDO, PROVINCE OF
PANGASINAN, TO BE KNOWN AS “URBIZTONDO DAY,” IN COMMEMORATION
OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND THE KANEN FESTIVAL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare April 30 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Urbiztondo, Province of Pangasinan, in commemoration of its Founding Anniversary and the Kanen Festival.

The Municipality of Urbiztondo was formally established on April 30, 1852, marking a significant chapter in its rich history. To honor this event, the Founding Anniversary is celebrated annually alongside the Kanen Festival, a cultural celebration that highlights the town’s heritage, traditions, and distinct culinary identity through the showcasing of “*kanen*” or traditional rice-based delicacies.

Over the years, the Kanen Festival has become a vital occasion that fosters unity and pride among residents while promoting tourism and local economic activity.

Declaring April 30 as a Special Non-Working Holiday will ensure that all residents, including those working in both the public and private sectors, are afforded the opportunity to fully participate in these celebrations. This measure will strengthen local patriotism, preserve cultural traditions, and allow for a more robust and inclusive celebration, ultimately benefiting the entire community.

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



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

SECTION 1. April 30 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Urbiztondo, Province of Pangasinan, to be known as “Urbiztondo Day”, in commemoration of its founding anniversary and the Kanen Festival.

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,