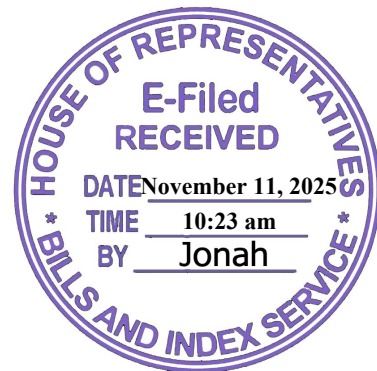




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Constitution Hills, Batasan Complex, Quezon City

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House Bill No. 5799



Introduced by Representatives **ALFEL M. BASCUG** and **EDDIEBONG G. PLAZA**

**AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 12TH OF EVERY YEAR A
SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TALACOGON, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND
PANGADU FESTIVAL**

Explanatory Note

This bill seeks to declare November 12 of every year a special non-working public holiday in the Municipality of Talacogon , Province of Agusan del Sur to commemorate its founding anniversary and to celebrate the Pangadu Festival to enable its residents and local officials to fully participate in the festivities prepared by the local government.

Talacogon was established in 1872 by a virtue of a Royal Decree as a pueblo when what would become the Agusan Province was still part of Surigao Province under the governorship of Manuel Boscosa. It was the first town founded in the riverbanks of the Agusan River and the oldest town in the province of Agusan del Sur. However, due to the destruction brought upon by World War II, no available record of its official creation as a town was made available for reference.

Since the time it was constituted as a town, the 12th day of November was celebrated by the Talacognons as the town's founding anniversary following the religious celebration of the Feast in honor of Saint Estandislaus De Kostka. The week-long anniversary celebration also features the town's local festival known as the Pangadu Festival which served as an avenue for all the Talacognons to converge and display their local talents and products.

Each year, the Local Government Unit of Talacogon celebrates its Founding Anniversary and without a law mandating it, it has become a recurring necessity to request the Office of the President to declare November 12 as a special non-working holiday for the Municipality of Talacogon . To do away with this requirement and to establish a speedy and perhaps an automatic declaration of this special day as a non-working holiday for the Local Government Unit of Talacogon, an enabling law to that end is necessary. This proposed legislation has the solid support of all the residents of Talacogon who all share the hope that they can celebrate its founding anniversary simultaneously with its local festival dubbed as Pangadu Festival.

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



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

SECTION 1. November 12 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Talacogon, Province of Agusan del Sur in commemoration of its Founding Anniversary and celebration of its Pangadu 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,