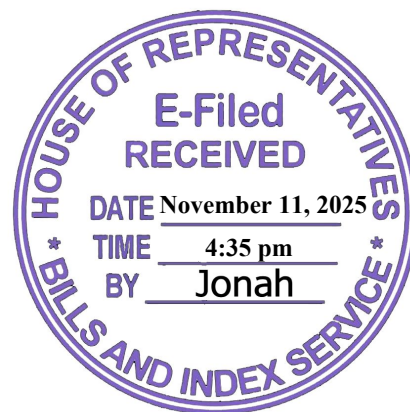


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5858



Introduced by 2nd District of Iloilo Representative
HON. KATHRYN JOYCE F. GORRICETA, M.D.

AN ACT
**DECLARING JANUARY 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF
ILOILO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “PAVIA DAY” IN COMMEMORATION OF
ITS DECLARATION AS AN INDEPENDENT MUNICIPALITY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution declares as a fundamental policy of the State the promotion of local autonomy and the recognition of the vital role of local government units as effective partners in nation-building (Article II, Section 25; Article X, Section 2). It further mandates the State to conserve, promote, and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and to encourage local pride of place (Article XIV, Section 15–16).

Consistent with these constitutional principles, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to promote and preserve the history and culture of their communities. Likewise, Proclamation No. 439 (s. 1989) and subsequent issuances of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) have recognized the value of commemorating significant historical events through the declaration of local holidays that strengthen community identity and historical consciousness.

In this light, the proposed measure seeks to declare January 8 of every year as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pavia, Province of Iloilo, in commemoration of its declaration as an independent municipality.

Historically, Pavia was part of the Municipality of Sta. Barbara in 1901, later attached to the City of Iloilo in 1904, and subsequently included in the Municipality of Jaro in 1920. On January 8, 1921, by virtue of an Executive Order issued by then Governor General Francis Burton Harrison, Pavia was separated from Jaro and reorganized as an independent municipality. This act marked the municipality’s birth as a self-governing entity and the beginning of its independent civic and economic development.

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The observance of this day also aims to encourage participation in programs and activities that promote local heritage, culture, and tourism, while highlighting the municipality's progress as a growing center of commerce, education, and industry in the region. As Pavia has already marked its centennial anniversary in 2021, this commemoration will continue to inspire collective commitment toward good governance, sustainable development, and cultural preservation for future generations.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure 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. January 8 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pavia, Province of Iloilo.

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,