

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 6212



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Introduced by  
**REPRESENTATIVE MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING**

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING APRIL 5 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY**  
**IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ZARAGOZA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, IN**  
**COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS**  
**“ARAW NG ZARAGOZA”**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Municipality of Zaragoza was formerly *Sitio Mangga-a-Lakbay* (“Old Mango Tree”). It later became Barrio San Vicente, in honor of Saint Vincente Ferrer. Upon recommendation of Don Francisco Mas to Governor Cillos in 1878, Barrio San Vicente, Barrio del Carmen, and Barrio Pinangkalatan were merged to create what is now known as the Municipality of Zaragoza, after the birthplace of Don Francisco.

This bill seeks to declare April 5 of every year as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Zaragoza, Province of Nueva Ecija, in commemoration of its founding anniversary. With the declaration of this special non-working holiday, residents and visitors are encouraged to fully participate in the festivities and events prepared by the local government unit.

“Araw ng Zaragoza” is a celebration of culture and history, as well as a commemoration of the municipality’s humble beginnings. It is also a recognition of the residents’ contribution to the progress and development in the Municipality of Zaragoza.

In view of the foregoing, the 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.** April 5 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Zaragoza, Province of Nueva Ecija, in commemoration of its founding anniversary, to be known as “Araw ng Zaragoza”.

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

Approved,