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HOUSE BILL NO. 7198

Introduced by Representative CIRIACO B. GATO, JR., M.D., FPSO-HNS

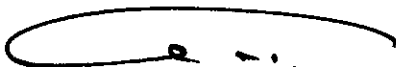
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed legislation seeks to recognize April 30 as a Special Non-Working Holiday in the Municipality of Ivana, Province of Batanes, in commemoration of its foundation day.

The observance of Ivana's Foundation Day is anchored in the town's rich history and cultural heritage, which continue to shape the identity and values of its people. This heritage is reflected in Ivana's significant cultural and historical landmarks that embody the enduring spirit of the community. These include the House of Dakay, one of the oldest surviving stone houses in Batanes; the San Jose Bridge, a living reminder of the town's colonial past; and the Honesty Store, which reflects the integrity and trust that the people of Ivana hold dear.

Declaring April 30 as a special non-working holiday will provide the people of Ivana with the opportunity to meaningfully commemorate their Foundation Day and celebrate the unique history that shaped their community. It will also encourage wider participation in cultural, historical, and social activities, thereby strengthening community solidarity and promoting local tourism.

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


CIRIACO B. GATO JR.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7193

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**AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 30 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IVANA, BATANES**

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

Section 1. April 30 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the municipality of Ivana, province of Batanes, in commemoration of its foundation anniversary.

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,