



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Twentieth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 7576

Introduced by Representative Arthur F. Celeste

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare April 20 of every year a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Burgos, Province of Pangasinan to commemorate its foundation day.

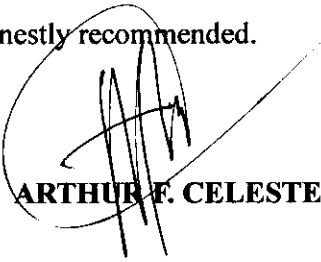
April 20 holds deep historical significance for the people of Burgos, Pangasinan. On April 20, 1830, Malacañang issued an Executive Decree granting the petition of the residents of then San Isidro de Potot to establish an independent town, formally separating from its parent Municipality of Balingcaguing in the Province of Zambales.

Subsequently, through Public Act No. 1004 dated November 21, 1903, the Municipality of San Isidro de Potot, then part of the Province of Zambales, was formally annexed to the Province of Pangasinan. Later, under Act No. 2390 enacted on February 18, 1914, the Municipality of San Isidro de Potot was renamed Burgos in honor of the martyr Padre Jose Burgos.

The Municipality of Burgos is located at the westernmost point of Luzon and part of the First Legislative District of Pangasinan. It is 65 kilometers away from the capital town of Lingayen and has a land area of 13,132 hectares. It has a population of 23,240 as of July 2024 census conducted by the Philippines Statistics Authority.

Declaring April 20 of every year a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Burgos will greatly highlight the town's rich history and heritage and provide its residents with the opportunity to commemorate their historic foundation.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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3 **IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO**
4 **COMMEMORATE ITS FOUNDATION DAY**

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

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9 SECTION 1. April 20 of every year is declared a special non-working holiday in the
10 Municipality of Burgos, Province of Pangasinan to commemorate its foundation day.

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

13 Approved,