



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 7735



Introduced by Representative Reynaldo P. Salvacion

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Marinduque has long been distinguished by its strong Catholic heritage, which forms an essential part of its cultural and historical identity. Central to this heritage is the devotion to the “*Mahal na Ina ng Biglang Awa*” (Our Lady of Prompt Succor), revered as the patroness of the Province of Marinduque.

This devotion traces its roots to the early spread of Christianity in Marinduque. For generations, the faithful have honored the Blessed Virgin Mary under this title, seeking her intercession and believing in her “sudden mercy” during times of need. Over time, this devotion became firmly rooted in the religious life and communal traditions of the Marinduqueños.

The Feast Day of the *Mahal na Ina ng Biglang Awa*, observed annually on **November 11**, is marked by religious rites, processions, and community gatherings that strengthen faith, unity, and cultural continuity. The celebration has evolved into a significant provincial tradition that reflects the values, history, unity, and identity of the people of Marinduque.

Declaring this feast day as a **special non-working holiday** will enable the people of the province to fully participate in a centuries-old tradition that holds profound religious and cultural importance. It will also contribute to local economic growth by fostering tourism and active community engagement.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL
NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE,
IN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF “MAHAL NA INA NG
BIGLANG AWA”**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to recognize, preserve, and promote the rich cultural, historical, and religious heritage of local communities as an integral part of national identity and social cohesion.

SECTION 2. Special Non-working Holiday. The Feast Day of “*Mahal na Ina ng Biglang Awa*”, annually celebrated on **November 11** is hereby declared a **special non-working holiday** in the entire Province of Marinduque.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,