

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 8091**



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Introduced by **HON. JOSEPH "JOJO" L. LARA**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare December 28 of every year as a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan, in recognition of its founding anniversary. The proposed measure aims to remind the residents of Iguig of their rich heritage and historical origins, and to provide them with the opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate this significant milestone annually.

The Municipality of Iguig is a fourth-class municipality composed of twenty-three (23) barangays. It is widely known as the "Holy Land of the North" and the "Pottery Center of Cagayan," reflecting both its deep religious roots and its longstanding pottery industry. Among its most notable landmarks are the historic Iguig Parish Church, one of the oldest churches in the Philippines, and the renowned Callao Caves, a significant archaeological and natural site in the country.

The name "Iguig" is derived from the Ilocano word "Iggig," meaning "a place where they gather." This etymology underscores the town's historical role as a central hub for surrounding communities and as a strategic meeting point for trade, owing largely to its location along the Cagayan River.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought to honor the enduring legacy of Iguig and to strengthen civic pride and cultural identity among its people.

  
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**HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IGUIG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, IN**  
**COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY**

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

**SECTION 1.** December 28 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan, in commemoration of its founding 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,