

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8092



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare November 27 of every year as a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Peñablanca, Province of Cagayan, in recognition of its founding anniversary. The proposed measure aims to remind the residents of Peñablanca 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 Peñablanca is situated 6.84 kilometres (4.25 mi) from of the provincial capital Tuguegarao City and is politically divided into 24 barangays.

Peñablanca derived its name from the Spanish words *peña* (rock or cliff) and *blanca* (white), meaning "white rock," in reference to the prominent white limestone formations and caves found within its territory.

Among its most significant cultural and natural treasures are the Peñablanca Petrographs and the Callao Limestone Formation. The Callao Limestone Formation contains at least ninety-three (93) archaeological sites which have yielded Paleolithic stone tools, as well as bones and shells of various animals, underscoring the area's importance in the study of early human habitation in the Philippines.

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


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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. November 27 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Peñablanca, 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,