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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 8194

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE AMADO CARLOS BOLILIA IV

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the 11th day of December of every year as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Batangas to commemorate its founding anniversary.

The Municipality of San Jose used to celebrate its founding anniversary every April 26. However, following the re-discovery of a text entitled “*Ereccion de los Pueblos Batangas, 1736-1901*”¹ in the archives of the National Museum, this date was corrected by the local government to December 11.

The National Historical Commission examined the book of historian Luis Camara Dery entitled “A History of the Inarticulate” (2001). This book made a direct reference to “*Ereccion de los Pueblos Batangas, 1736-1901*” which indicates that the municipality of San Jose, Batangas was established through a *Superior Decreto* issued by then Governor General Jose Raon approving the petition to transform Barrio Malaking Tubig into an independent civil town which is to be named San Jose on December 11, 1766.²

In response to this re-discovery, the Sangguniang Bayan of San Jose issued Resolution No. 2024-03-612 and Ordinance No. 2024-03-054, recognizing December 11, 1766 as the official foundation day. San Jose celebrated its new founding anniversary date for the first time in 2024. On November 7, 2025, Proclamation No. 1083 was issued by President Ferdinand R. Marcos declaring December 11 as a special non-working day in San Jose, Batangas to mark the celebration of its founding anniversary.

¹ Archival Entry SDS 13929 / *Ereccion de los Pueblos Batangas, 1736-1901* / Exp. 15 S77-97B / 1766/12/11

² The exact text from the *Superior Decreto* reads as follows: *Superior Decreto aprueba la petición sobre desmembración del barrio Malaking Tubig y convertirlo en pueblo civil e independiente de su matriz el pueblo de Bauan t declara se denomine San José el nuevo pueblo*

San Jose is a first class municipality in the Fourth District of Batangas, with 33 barangays. It is named the “Egg Basket of the Philippines” by virtue of Republic Act 1107 due to the huge volume of eggs produced per day both in commercial and backyard scales. This product is highlighted during its annual celebration of its founding anniversary.

This bill intends to remove the need for a presidential proclamation for the implementation of a non-working holiday in the municipality. This will also enable the people of San Jose to celebrate the founding of their beloved municipality every year. It would be fitting and proper that they will be given full opportunity to celebrate and participate in the occasion.

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



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AN ACT

**DECLARING DECEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING)
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, BATANGAS**

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

SECTION 1. The 11th of December of every year is hereby declared a special (non-working) holiday in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Batangas in recognition of the municipality's founding anniversary.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation

Approved,