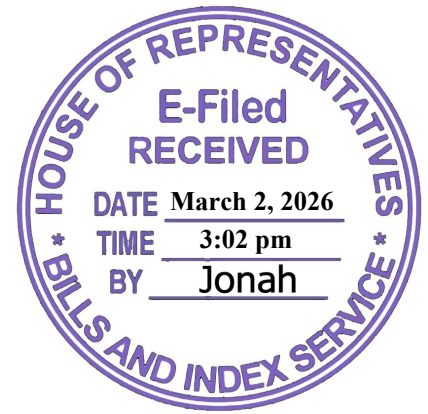


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 8200



Introduced by Representatives ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to declare June 16 of every year as a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, to be known as “La Trinidad Day,” in commemoration of its founding anniversary. Institutionalizing this annual observance aims to recognize the municipality’s historical significance, honor its cultural heritage, and uphold its vital role in the political and economic development of the province.

The 16th of June 1950 stands as a historic milestone for the Municipality of La Trinidad, as it marks the date when the municipality transitioned from a municipal district into a full-fledged town through Republic Act No. 531. Widely known as the “Salad Bowl of the Philippines” for its leading role in national vegetable production, La Trinidad further paved its importance when it was declared the capital of the Province of Benguet on June 18, 1966 pursuant to Republic Act No. 4695. These landmark events highlight the municipality’s longstanding contributions to agricultural productivity, regional governance, and socio-economic growth.

Today, La Trinidad has grown into a first-class municipality composed of sixteen (16) barangays, the largest number in the province, namely: Alapang, Alno, Ambiong, Bahong, Balili, Beckel, Betag, Bineng, Cruz, Lubas, Pico, Poblacion, Puguis, Shilan, Tawang, and Wangal. It is home to several institutions of higher learning, serves as a center for banking and finance, and continues to expand as a hub of socio-economic activity in Benguet and the Cordillera region. As the municipality pursues its aspirations toward future cityhood, it becomes even more essential to formally establish and celebrate its Founding Anniversary through an officially recognized special nonworking holiday.

Declaring June 16 as “La Trinidad Day” will allow residents, institutions, and local stakeholders to commemorate the municipality’s rich history, diverse culture, exceptional communities, and continuing development. The holiday will provide an avenue for public engagement, heritage appreciation, and civic celebration, strengthening unity among the people of La Trinidad while highlighting their achievements and aspirations, particularly in the years ahead.

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



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

Section 1. June 16 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking
holiday in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, to be known as “La
Trinidad Day”, in commemoration of its Founding Anniversary.

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

Approved,