

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8222



Introduced by: Hon. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan

AN ACT

**DECLARING FEBRUARY 10 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON,
IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS KAWAY FESTIVAL**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Tagkawayan is a first-class coastal municipality located in the Province of Quezon. The municipality's very name is derived from the word "*Kawayan*" (bamboo), which historically grew in abundance along its riverbanks and has served as a symbol of the resilience and flexibility of its people. Covering a land area of 534.35 square kilometers, Tagkawayan is home to 54,003 residents as per the 2020 Census, resulting in a population density of about 101 inhabitants per square kilometer.¹

Every February, Tagkawayanins celebrate the Kaway Festival, a more than a week-long celebration that usually starts from February 1 and ends on February 11. This vibrant celebration is more than just a series of festivities. It is a tribute to the town's founding, its rich cultural history, and its flourishing bamboo industry.²

By declaring February 10 a special non-working holiday, we provide the citizens of Tagkawayan the full opportunity to participate in the commemorative activities, honor their history, and foster a deeper sense of pride in their locality without the constraints of work or school.

In view thereof, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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¹ Tagkawayan LGU

² *Ibid.*

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

SECTION 1. February 10 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Tagkawayan, Province of Quezon, in commemoration of its Kaway Festival.

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,