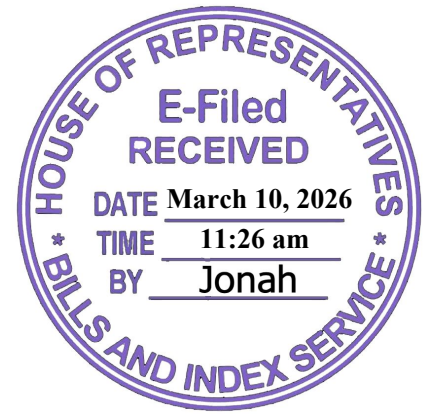


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 8403



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the second Thursday of March of every year as a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet, in commemoration of its Foundation Day. The measure aims to give due recognition to the municipality's historical evolution, cultural heritage, and enduring contributions to the province.

The Municipality of Mankayan traces its beginnings to the year 1913, when it was established as a municipal district annexed to the then Sub-Province of Benguet. This development marked the formal recognition of its local government officials, following a period under the jurisdiction of the Lepanto-Bontoc Province since 1903. Mankayan's status as a full-fledged municipality was later affirmed on June 6, 1955 through the enactment of Republic Act No. 1302 entitled "*An Act to Convert the Municipal District of Mankayan, Sub-Province of Benguet, Mountain Province, into a Municipality*", thereby establishing its present political and administrative identity.

Today, Mankayan stands as one of Benguet's most historically and economically significant municipalities. Widely regarded as a mining town, it hosts major mining operations, including those of the Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company. The municipality, classified as second class, comprises twelve (12) barangays: Balili, Bedbed, Bulalacao, Cabiten, Colalo, Guinaoang, Paco, Palasaan, Poblacion, Sapid, Tabio, and Taneg. Celebrated as the "Bosom of Gold and Copper of Benguet," Mankayan is richly endowed with mineral resources, mountains shaped by centuries of mining, and a vibrant tapestry of traditions and collective memory.

The people of Mankayan commemorate their municipality's founding through the annual celebration of Foundation Day, every second Thursday of March, as provided in Municipal Ordinance No. 2004-01 enacted by the

Sangguniang Bayan on January 26, 2004. Declaring this day as a special nonworking holiday will institutionalize this important local tradition, encourage broader community participation, and foster deeper appreciation of Mankayan's history and identity.

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



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ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS “MANKAYAN DAY”

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

Section 1. Second Thursday of March of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet, to be known as “*Mankayan 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,