

TWENTIETH CONGRESS OF THE)
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8451

Introduced by Representative JAIME EDUARDO MARC D. COJUANGCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Sta. Ignacia in the Province of Tarlac marks its foundation anniversary every January 27. Historically, the town was established as a civil municipality through a superior decree dated May 6, 1874, which was later approved by a royal decree on August 13, 1880. After a period of annexation to the town of Camiling in 1903, the people successfully lobbied for independence, leading to the inauguration of its first municipal council on January 1, 1914.

Today, the Local Government Unit of Santa Ignacia and its citizens observe late January as a period of significant historical and cultural importance, with the 112th Founding Anniversary most recently celebrated in 2026.

The proposed bill seeks to:

Formalize the Commemoration: Declare January 27 as a special non-working holiday to allow residents to participate in ceremonies and activities honoring their town's heritage.

Foster Local Pride: Provide a dedicated day for the community to reflect on the historical journey and "intrepid" spirit of the early settlers who fought for the town's autonomy.

Promote Cultural Tourism: Support the municipality's annual festivities, including the "Festival of Lights," which showcases its agricultural achievements and community spirit.

By institutionalizing this holiday, we ensure that the history and distinct identity of Sta. Ignacia are preserved and celebrated by future generations of Kailians.

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



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AN ACT

**DECLARING JANUARY 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. IGNACIA, PROVINCE OF
TARLAC, TO COMMEMORATE THE FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. IGNACIA**

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

1 **Section 1. Declaration of January 27 as a Special Non-working Holiday in the**
2 **Municipality of Mayantoc, Province of Tarlac.** - January 27 of every year is hereby declared a
3 special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Ignacia, Province of Tarlac, in celebration
4 of its Foundation day.

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6 **Section. 2. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
7 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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9 **Approved,**