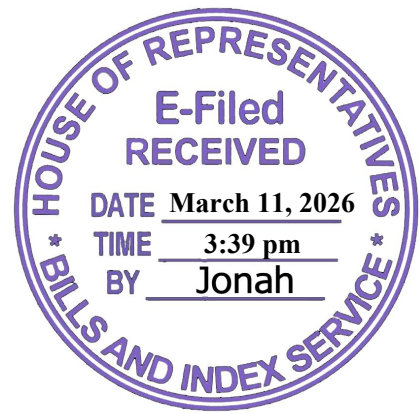




HOUSE BILL NO. 8452

Introduced by Representative JAIME EDUARDO MARC D. COJUANGCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The “Rag-o Mannalon Festival” is celebrated annually in Mayantoc to honor the agricultural roots of the municipality and the hard work of farmers. This festival not only highlights the contributions of the agricultural sector to the local economy but also fosters community spirit, cultural pride, and awareness of the importance of sustainable farming practices.

By declaring March 20 as a special non-working holiday, the municipality aims to:

1. **Promote Cultural Heritage:** The festival serves as an opportunity for residents and visitors to engage with and appreciate the cultural heritage of Mayantoc, featuring traditional music, dance, local crafts, and agricultural displays.
2. **Encourage Community Involvement:** Designating a special holiday will encourage more community participation in the festival, enabling families and friends to come together and celebrate their local history and culture.
3. **Boost Local Economy:** The influx of visitors to the municipality during the festival can stimulate economic activities, benefitting local businesses, vendors, and artisans.
4. **Foster Environmental Awareness:** The festival can also serve as a platform for raising awareness about sustainable agricultural practices and the importance of environmental conservation.

The “Rag-o Mannalon Festival” represents not only a celebration of agriculture but also a vital aspect of Mayantoc’s identity. By officially recognizing March 20 as a special non-working holiday, this bill seeks to honor the municipality's traditions, stimulate economic growth, and strengthen community ties. We request the support and approval of this bill to enhance the cultural and economic landscape of Mayantoc, Province of Tarlac.

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

JAIME EDUARDO MARC D. COJUANGCO

Representative

1st District of Tarlac

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AN ACT
DECLARING MARCH 20 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAYANTOC, PROVINCE OF
TARLAC, IN CELEBRATION OF THE RAG-O MANNALON FESTIVAL

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This act shall be known as the “Rag-o Mannalon Festival Act”.

Section 3. Declaration of March 20 as a Special Non-working Holiday in the Municipality of Mayantoc, Province of Tarlac. - March 20 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Mayantoc, Province of Tarlac, in celebration of the “Rag-o Mannalon Festival”, to commemorate and honor the contribution of farmers and agricultural workers to the local economy and cultural heritage.

Section. 4. Holiday Observance. - The people of Mayantoc, Tarlac shall be given the opportunity to commemorate the Rag-o Mannalon Festival with meaningful ceremonies, activities, and programs that promote the values of agricultural sustainability, cultural pride, and community solidarity.

Section. 5. Implementation. - The Municipal Government of Mayantoc, in coordination with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and other relevant agencies, shall lead in the organization and implementation of various activities and programs for this day.

Section 6. Funding. - The necessary funds for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the budget of the Municipality of Mayantoc, Tarlac, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Section 7. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions shall remain in force and in effect.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,