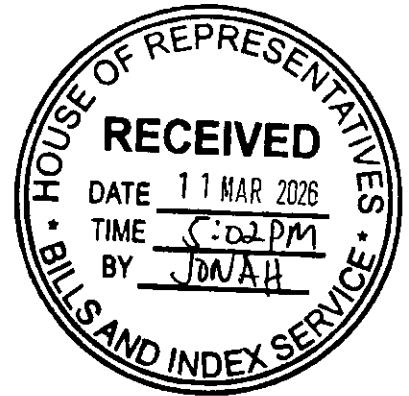




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HOUSE BILL NO. 8462

Introduced by **Representative Francisco T. Matugas**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On February 22, 1961, then President Carlos P. Garcia issued Executive Order No. 419, declaring the Municipality of Socorro in the Province of Surigao del Norte, a town distinct and separate from the municipalities of Dapa and Numancia, with the whole island of Bucas Grande as its territorial jurisdiction.

Since its creation, Socorro has grown into a vibrant community that contributes significantly to the social and economic fabric of the province. The annual celebration of its founding anniversary is not merely a look back at the past, but a reinforcement of the town's identity. It provides a dedicated time for the community to showcase its unique traditions, local history, and heritage through organized festivities. Thus, this bill seeks to declare February 22, every year, a non-working holiday in the municipality.

By declaring its Founding Anniversary an non-working holiday, Socoronhons will have the full opportunity to celebrate this milestone without the constraints of work or school. This official recognition elevates the significance of the founding day, ensuring that the historical importance of the municipality is honored with the dignity it deserves.

In view of the historical and cultural significance of this date to Socoronhons, the early passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, IN CELEBRATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY

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

1 SECTION 1. February 22 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working
2 holiday in the Municipality of Socorro, Province of Surigao del Norte, in celebration
3 of its Founding Anniversary.

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

6 Approved,