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House Bill No. **9032**



Introduced by: REP. ROSALIE "MOMMY ROSE" ANG SALVAME

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The name El Nido in the Province of Palawan, traces its roots to a small Tagbanua village called Talindak and later renamed as Bacuit during the Spanish regime in 1890, which was then part of the Municipality of Taytay until 1916. Although recent historical findings place the establishment of Bacuit town to be around 1902, the founding of Bacuit is traditionally believed to have been on March 16, 1916, this according to the article, "Historical and Cultural Life of the Barrios and Town of Bacuit, El Nido, Palawan" which was submitted to the National Library of the Philippines in 1952.

The Sangguniang Bayan of El Nido recognizes this historical date and so adopted and approved Municipal Ordinance No. 029 Series of 2018 dated March 5, 2018 entitled, "An Ordinance Declaring March 16 of Every Year As A Special Non-Working Holiday in the Municipality of El Nido, Palawan" to give due recognition and homage to the forefathers and instill in the mind and heart of every resident in El Nido its significance.

This Act would allow all residents enjoy the said celebration, memorialize the town's past and reflect its future as a world class tourist destination, and most importantly strengthen the resident's sense of community and identity.

Given the importance of this bill, urgency in passing this bill is sought.

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AN ACT

DECLARING MARCH 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF EL NIDO, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

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

SECTION 1. March 16 every year is hereby declared a Special Non-working Holiday In the Municipality of El Nido, Province of Palawan , In commemoration of Its founding Anniversary.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after Its publication In the *Official Gazette* or In a newspaper of general circulation

Approved..