

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 9147



Introduced by: Rep. Iris Marie D. Montes, Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga,
Rep. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan, and Rep. Reynante U. Arrogancia

AN ACT
DECLARING NOVEMBER 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTIONARY HERO APOLINARIO DELA
CRUZ, POPULARLY KNOWN AS "HERMANO PULI"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Quezon, in terms of area or size, is the 6th largest province in the country at 2.65% with a total land area of 8,706.60 sq. km. making it the largest as well in the region at 53.21%.

It was originally called Kaliraya/Kalilayan, after its capital town (now Unisan) upon its creation 1591. However, around the middle of the 18th century, the capital was transferred to the town of Tayabas which then also changed the name of the province to Tayabas.

Tayabas was changed to "Quezon Province" by virtue of Republic Act No. 14 as signed by the late President Manuel Roxas on September 7, 1945, as a gesture of homage and respect to one of the distinguished sons of this province, the late President Manuel Luis Quezon, the first president of the Philippine Commonwealth.

Quezon Province is a first-class province occupying Luzon's central section. It is bounded on the north by the province of Aurora Province, on the west by the provinces of Laguna and Rizal, on the southwest by the province of Batangas and on the southeast by Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur. Tiaong, its first municipality via the Maharlika Highway, is about 89 kilometers from Metro Manila, while Lucena City, the provincial capital, is about 137 kilometers southeast of Metro Manila.

The province is composed of thirty-nine (39) municipalities, one (1) component city, Tayabas, and one (1) highly urbanized city, Lucena. These are further subdivided into 1,242 barangays and are grouped into four (4) congressional districts.

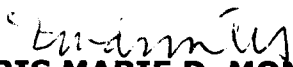
Aside from its vast expanse of marvelous scenic location and an abundance of cultural heritage, Quezon is the cradle of the heroic struggle of Apolinario de la Cruz, popularly known as Hermano Puli. He established the

Cofradia de san Jose (Brotherhood of St. Joseph) to advocate for religious freedom and racial equality during the era of Spanish colonization.

It was on November 4, 1841 when Hermano Puli made the ultimate sacrifice as he was shot by firing squad outside the vicinity of Casa de Comunidad in Tayabas -- his body was torn into pieces, his head was placed in a cage, stuck into a pole, and placed in front of his mother's house -- becoming a pivotal catalyst for the emergence of nationalistic spirit that eventually culminated in the Philippine Revolution.

Declaring November 4 of every year a special nonworking holiday in the entire Province of Quezon is a way of providing the present generation of Quezonians, especially the youth, a dedicated opportunity to reflect on the values of courage, faith, and patriotism exemplified by Hermano Puli. It also recognizes the valuable efforts and contributions of the people who look up to his exemplary life, which will further encourage the next generations to fight for freedom and equality and inculcate the legacy of a great man in the consciousness of future Quezonians.

In view of this, and in response to the Provincial Resolution No. 2026-174 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Quezon, which seeks to urge both chambers of Congress to reconsider the same measure authored by Quezon 1st District Rep. Wilfrido Mark Enverga that was approved by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate during the 18th and 19th Congress of the Philippines, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. November 4 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Province of Quezon, in commemoration of the death anniversary of revolutionary hero Apolinario dela Cruz, popularly known as "Hermano Puli".

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,