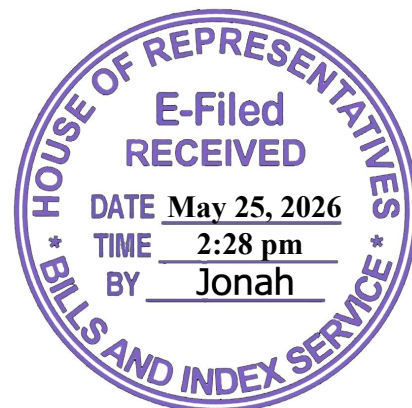


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REPRESENTATIVE VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO

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11 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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13 The Municipality of Tudela, Province of Cebu, traces its foundation on May 20,
14 1892, when the Consejo de Administracion Civil en las Islas Filipinas issued a decree
15 approving its creation as a town separate and independent from the Municipality of
16 Poro.¹
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18 Historically, Tudela was formerly known as Tag-anito, in reference to the
19 practice of the early inhabitants of worshipping anitos or spirits.² The initiative to
20 establish Tag-anito as an independent municipality began on December 10, 1890,
21 when officials and prominent residents of the Municipality of Poro and the Visita de
22 Tag-anito signed a petition requesting its establishment.³ The petition received broad
23 support from the local principalia and was certified by Fr. Ramon Alegria, the
24 Recollect parish priest of Poro. Among its signatories were Don Felipe Sotto,
25 gobernadorcillo of Poro, and former municipal leaders Pedro Gonzales, Domingo
26 Huerta, Mariano Garciano, Pablo Gutierrez, and Simeon Gonzales.
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28 Following several deliberations by the Spanish colonial authorities, the petition
29 was approved on May 20, 1892.⁴ Thereafter, the first election of municipal officials was
30 held on August 4, 1892, at the Casa Tribunal Municipal, then located at what is now
31 the corner of Aguinaldo and Mabini Streets in the present Poblacion.⁵ Later, during
32 the American period, Tudela was formally recognized as one of the municipalities in
33 the Philippines.⁶
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35 This history underscores that the annual celebration of Tudela's Founding
36 Anniversary is a meaningful occasion to honor its origins, cultural heritage, and the

¹ Municipality of Tudela, Cebu, "About Us," <https://www.tudela-cebu.gov.ph/about-us.html>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

1 collective efforts of its people toward progress and development. While the
2 observance of the municipality's foundation day has already been recognized through
3 a local ordinance, national recognition through legislation would further strengthen
4 its significance and promote wider public appreciation of Tudela's heritage and
5 identity.

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7 Thus, this bill seeks to declare May 20 of every year a special non-working
8 holiday in the Municipality of Tudela, Province of Cebu. Declaring this occasion an
9 official holiday will enable residents to participate fully in civic, cultural, religious,
10 and historical activities that strengthen community solidarity and local pride.

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

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13 **HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUDELA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN**
14 **COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY**
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16 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
17 *assembled:*
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19 **SECTION 1.** May 20 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working
20 holiday in the Municipality of Tudela, Province of Cebu, in commemoration of its
21 Founding Anniversary.
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23 **SEC. 2. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.
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26 *Approved,*
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