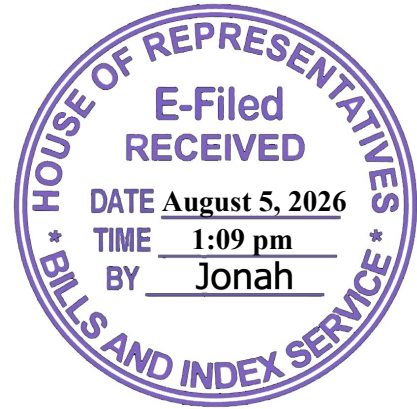


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House Bill No. **10627**



Introduced by Representative KAREN HOPE F. GARCIA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Pinamungajan, one of the oldest municipalities in the Province of Cebu, possesses a rich historical, cultural, and socio-economic heritage that has significantly contributed to the development of the province and the region. For generations, the people of Pinamungajan have celebrated their founding anniversary on the 4th of September, tracing their roots to the town's separation from its matrix, the Municipality of Barili.

To institutionalize this deeply held tradition, the local government sought the expertise of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) to verify its origins. In a letter dated March 31, 2026, NHCP Chairman Regalado Trota Jose, Jr. officially confirmed that Pinamungajan was established on September 4, 1850, under the patronage of Santa Mónica. This affirmation is heavily corroborated by archival sources, specifically Felipe Redondo y Sendino's *Breve Reseña de lo que fue y de lo que es la Diócesis de Cebú en las Islas Filipinas*.

Anchored on this official historical confirmation, the Sangguniang Bayan of Pinamungajan enacted Ordinance No. 041-2026, recognizing 4 September 1850 as the municipality's official founding day and declaring September 4 of every year as the official Founding Anniversary of the Municipality of Pinamungajan. This legislative enactment reflects the collective recognition of the local community of its historical identity and its commitment to preserving and promoting its cultural heritage for future generations.

Complementing this ordinance, the Sangguniang Bayan likewise adopted Resolution No. 091, Series of 2026, respectfully requesting the filing of a bill in Congress declaring September 4 as Pinamungajan Charter Day and a special

non-working holiday within the municipality. The initiative was further endorsed by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Cebu through Resolution No. 1597-2026, recognizing the historical, cultural, and educational significance of the proposed measure and expressing the Province's full support for its enactment into law.

The formal declaration of September 4 as "Pinamungajan Charter Day" will serve as a fitting tribute to the municipality's enduring legacy. It provides a dedicated opportunity for residents, educational institutions, and government entities to reflect on their shared history, honor the achievements of their forebears, and strengthen community solidarity for future generations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KHFG', positioned above the printed name of the representative.

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DECLARING SEPTEMBER 4 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
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BE KNOWN AS "MUNICIPALITY OF PINAMUNGAJAN CHARTER DAY"

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

Section 1. *Declaration of Policy and Historical Basis.* – The Sangguniang Bayan of Pinamungajan, Province of Cebu, enacted Ordinance No. 041-2026, recognizing September 4, 1850 as the official founding day of the Municipality of Pinamungajan and declaring September 4 of every year as its official Founding Anniversary. The ordinance affirms the historical significance of the municipality's establishment and recognizes the importance of commemorating its rich cultural heritage, local history, and contributions to the development of the Province of Cebu. It is therefore fitting that such occasion be accorded national legislative recognition through the declaration of a special non-working holiday within the Municipality of Pinamungajan.

Section 2. *Pinamungajan Charter Day.* – September 4 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pinamungajan, Province of Cebu, to be known as "Pinamungajan Charter Day", in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

Section 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,