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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Manila



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Second Regular Session  
House Bill No. **10832**

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Introduced by **HON. BAMBI B. EMANO**

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**AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 15TH DAY OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR A  
SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF EL SALVADOR,  
MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN CELEBRATION OF THE NIPA FESTIVAL**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The City of El Salvador in the Province of Misamis Oriental is historically recognized as the nipa-abundant town. Before it was renamed as El Salvador, the town was known as "Tagnipa." The Nipa Festival is a significant annual celebration that honors the city's ancestral roots and commemorates the historical importance of the nipa palm to the lives, livelihood, and identity of its people.

Beyond its historical significance, the festival is a vibrant cultural celebration of community survival, resilience, and creativity. One of its highlights is the competitive street dancing, where participating contingents creatively utilize organic nipa palm leaves in their costumes and props, showcasing the ingenuity, artistry, and rich cultural heritage of the people of El Salvador City.

Declaring every 15th day of August as a special non-working holiday in the City of El Salvador will provide residents and visitors the opportunity to fully participate in the festivities, promote local tourism, strengthen cultural preservation, and foster civic pride among its constituents.

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

  
**BAMBI B. EMANO**  
DEPUTY SPEAKER



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

**SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "**Nipa Festival Act.**"

**SECTION 2.** The **Nipa Festival** is hereby declared as the official festival of the **City of El Salvador, Province of Misamis Oriental**. The festival historically honors El Salvador City's ancestral roots as the nipa-abundant town.

**SECTION 3.** The **fifteenth (15th) day of August of every year** is hereby declared a **special non-working holiday** in the City of El Salvador in celebration of the Nipa Festival.

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

Approved,