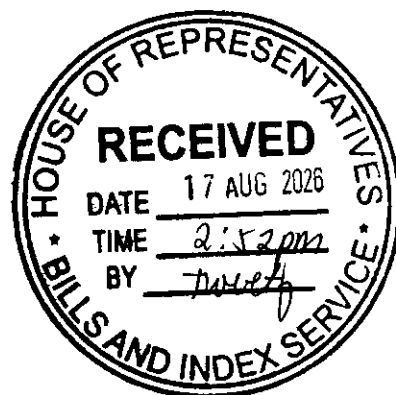




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10833



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

**AN ACT DECLARING THE CANTAGO FESTIVAL AS THE OFFICIAL FESTIVAL
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL,
DECLARING FEBRUARY 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY THEREIN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

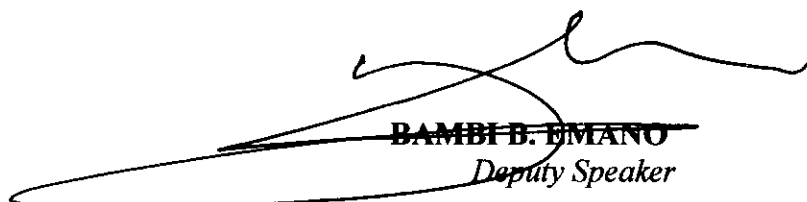
Local festivals serve as enduring expressions of a community's history, faith, and cultural identity. They preserve traditions, strengthen communal bonds, and promote appreciation of the rich and diverse heritage of the Filipino people. Consistent with this, Section 15, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations.

The Cantago Festival, a portmanteau of CANdelaria sa TAGOloan, is the Municipality of Tagoloan's annual religious and cultural celebration in honor of its Patron Saint, Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria. Celebrated in close historical association with the Municipality's Charter Day, the festival embodies the fusion of faith, history, and local identity through vibrant street dancing, fluvial parades, and synchronized light performances symbolizing the sacred candles.

Beyond preserving the Municipality's rich cultural heritage, the annual celebration has become an important driver of tourism and local economic activity by attracting visitors from neighboring communities and creating livelihood opportunities for local entrepreneurs and vendors.

This bill seeks to declare the Cantago Festival as the official festival of the Municipality of Tagoloan, Province of Misamis Oriental, declare February 2 of every year a special non-working holiday therein, and provide the necessary funding to ensure the continued preservation and promotion of this important cultural and religious tradition.

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



BAMBI B. EMANO
Deputy Speaker



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HOUSE BILL NO. 10838

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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 “**Cantago Festival Act.**”

SEC. 2. The Cantago Festival (CAnDelaria sa TAGOloan), celebrated in honor of Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, is hereby declared as the official festival of the Municipality of Tagoloan, Province of Misamis Oriental.

SEC. 3. February 2 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Tagoloan in celebration of the Cantago Festival.

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

Approved,