

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **11135**



Introduced by Representative LEILA M. DE LIMA

AN ACT
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Iriga traces its roots to the Spanish colonial period, when it was established as a pueblo and later developed into a municipality that became a center of commerce, culture, education, and governance in the Rinconada District of Camarines Sur.

With the enactment of Republic Act No. 5261 on June 15, 1968, the Municipality of Iriga was converted into a component city, granting it greater autonomy and strengthening its capacity for local governance and development. On September 3, 1968, the formal inauguration of the City of Iriga was held, marking a defining milestone in the history and identity of the Irigueño people.

Since then, September 3 has been observed as an important occasion to commemorate Iriga's cityhood, celebrate its heritage, and recognize its continuing progress. The annual Charter Day provides an opportunity to honor the contributions of past and present generations while fostering civic pride, community unity, cultural appreciation, tourism, and economic development.

Several cities across the country have similarly been granted special non-working holidays through national legislation to commemorate their charter anniversaries and cityhood. Consistent with this practice, declaring September 3 as a Special Non-Working Holiday in the City of Iriga would allow its residents to meaningfully participate in civic, historical, cultural, educational, religious, and community activities celebrating its cityhood and development.

Recognizing Iriga's cityhood likewise affirms its distinct identity and acknowledges the significant contributions of the Irigueño people to the social, cultural, and economic life of Camarines Sur and the Bicol Region.

In view of the foregoing, it is fitting and proper to declare September 3 of every year as a Special Non-Working Holiday in the City of Iriga. The measure will provide the people of Iriga with an opportunity to celebrate their shared history and heritage, strengthen community solidarity, and honor the city's continuing growth and development.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 SECTION 1. September 3 of every year is hereby declared a special non-
2 working holiday in the City of Iriga, Province of Camarines Sur, in commemoration of
3 its charter day anniversary. When the holiday falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the
4 special non-working day shall be observed on the Monday that follows.

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6 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete
7 publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,