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House Bill No. 11335

Introduced by Representative MARIA VANESSA C. AUMENTADO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the 9th day of February of every year as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sagbayan, Province of Bohol to be known as the "Sagbayan Foundation Day."

The Municipality of Sagbayan was officially created on February 9, 1949, by virtue of an Executive Order issued by the late President Elpidio Quirino. It was carved out of the barrios and territories originally belonging to the adjacent municipalities of Clarin, Inabanga, Carmen and Balilihan. Initially named "Borja" in honor of Salustiano Borja, the first elected civil governor of the Province of Bohol, the municipality later reverted to its indigenous name, Sagbayan, by virtue of R.A. No. 1741, on June 21, 1957, signed by President Carlos P. Garcia. The name draws from the local Visayan term *sagbay*, which recalls the historical practice of early settlers hanging deer hides on trees to dry after hunting expeditions.

Through the resilience, unity, and industrious spirit of its people, Sagbayan has transformed from a humble trade settlement into a progressive fourth-class municipality. Today, it stands as a vital hub of local trade and an emerging ecotourism destination, famously anchoring attractions like the scenic Sagbayan Peak.

While the Executive Department has routinely recognized this milestone through individual annual declarations - such as Proclamation No. 130 (s. 2023) and Proclamation No. 446 (s. 2024) – there is a clear need to institutionalize this celebration. Enacting a permanent legislative holiday will afford local government workers and residents a dependable, regular opportunity to celebrate their historic roots, cultural identity, and civic achievements without requiring yearly executive renewals.

In view of the historical significance of this date to the people of Sagbayan, Bohol, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
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HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAGBAYAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE "SAGBAYAN FOUNDATION DAY", IN COMMEMORATION OF
ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

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

Section 1. February 9 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sagbayan, Province of Bohol, to be known as the "Sagbayan Foundation Day", in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

Section 2. The Municipal Government is hereby mandated to conduct appropriate activities that will promote the culture and history of the Municipality of Sagbayan.

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

Approved.