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House Bill No. 11359

Introduced by Representative Nelson S. Legacion
Third Congressional District, Camarines Sur

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Calabanga, situated in the Third District of Camarines Sur, possesses a rich historical, cultural, and civic legacy. Formally established as an independent town on July 15, 1749, Calabanga's history stands as a testament to the resilience, unity, and heritage of the Calabangueños.

Through Resolution No. 2026-304, enacted on July 22, 2026, the Sangguniang Bayan of Calabanga formally requested the passage of national legislation declaring July 15 of every year as a Special Non-Working Holiday in the municipality to commemorate its annual Foundation Day.

Institutionalizing July 15 as a special non-working holiday through legislative enactment yields numerous significant benefits for the municipality and its people:

1. It provides residents, particularly student youths and local historians, dedicated opportunity to engage in educational, historical, and cultural activities, ensuring that the legacy of Calabanga's founding is honored and transmitted to future generations;
2. A non-working holiday allows public servants, private employees, local organizations, and families to actively participate in municipality-wide civic parades, municipal assemblies, and community events without work obligations;
3. Official foundation celebrations drive domestic tourism, encourage local trade, boost revenues for small-and-medium enterprises (MSMEs), and highlight local products and culinary traditions; and
4. Institutionalizing July 15 by law secures the anniversary on the national official calendar. This provides administrative clarity for local businesses,

schools, and government offices, facilitating well-coordinated annual civic programs.

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


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AN ACT DECLARING JULY 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title and Declaration of Holiday.* — July 15 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Calabanga, Province of Camarines Sur, in commemoration of its annual Foundation Day, to be known as the "Calabanga Foundation Day".

SECTION 2. *Implementation and Observance.* — The Local Government Unit of Calabanga, in coordination with relevant national agencies, educational institutions, and civic stakeholders, shall organize and ensure the meaningful conduct of civic, historical, and cultural activities marking the celebration 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,