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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 302

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on **May 18, 2026**

Re: House Bill No. 3206

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Florencio T. Miraflores and Irene G. Labadlabad

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred **House Bill No. 3206**, introduced by Representative Irene G. Labadlabad, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SINDANGAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG SINDANGAN’ IN CELEBRATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

has considered the same and recommends its approval with the following amendments:

1. On line 3, after “Araw ng Sindangan”, insert a comma and the phrase “to honor its establishment and celebrate its progress and achievements”;
2. On line 6, insert a new Section 2 to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF SINDANGAN SHALL ENSURE THE MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY THROUGH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS, TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF ITS HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.”

3. On line 12, renumber Section 2 as Section 3; and

4. Lastly, amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

**“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SINDANGAN, PROVINCE
OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG SINDANGAN’
IN CELEBRATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”**

with Representatives Irene G. Labadlabad and Florencio T. Miraflores as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


FLORENCIO T. MIRAFLORES
Chairperson
Committee on Local Government

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3206**



Introduced by **REP. IRENE G. LABADLABAD**
2nd District, Zamboanga del Norte

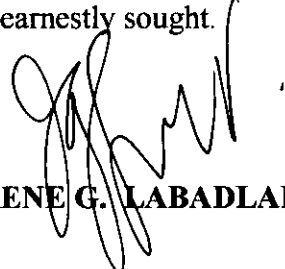
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to declare December 23 of every year a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sindangan, province of Zamboanga del Norte in celebration of its Founding Anniversary.

The Municipality of Sindangan was separated from the Municipality of Katipunan and became an independent municipality on December 23, 1936 by virtue of Executive Order No. 77 issued by President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, Manuel L. Quezon.

Commemorating the 23rd of December as special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sindangan provides its citizens full opportunity to celebrate and participate in the occasion with appropriate ceremonies in honor of their foundation day.

For the above reasons, urgent approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


IRENE G. LABADLABAD

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2ND District, Zamboanga del Norte

AN ACT
DECLARING DECEMBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SINDANGAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA
DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS “ARAW NG SINDANGAN” IN CELEBRATION OF
ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

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

SECTION 1. December 23 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sindangan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte in celebration of its founding anniversary to be known as “Araw ng Sindangan”.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,



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7 **ENSURE THE MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY THROUGH**
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10 **AWARENESS OF ITS HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.**

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12 **SEC. [2] 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
13 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,