



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10175

BY REPRESENTATIVES PLEYTO AND MIRAFLORES

AN ACT
DECLARING THE FIRST THURSDAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR,
UNLESS IT FALLS ON FEBRUARY 2, A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, IN
COMMEMORATION OF THE RETURN OF THE IMAGE OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The first Thursday of February of every year is hereby declared a special
2 non-working holiday in the Municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Bulacan, to
3 Commemorate the Historic Return of the Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*La Purisima*
4 *Concepcion De Santa Maria*) to the Municipality.

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6 **SEC. 2.** In the event that the first Thursday of February falls on February 2, which
7 coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of the Candles (Candelaria), the holiday shall be
8 observed on the next succeeding day to ensure the distinct solemnity of both religious and
9 local historical events.

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11 **SEC. 3.** The Municipal Government of Santa Maria shall ensure the meaningful
12 observance of the holiday through appropriate programs and activities, in coordination with
13 relevant government agencies and stakeholders, to promote awareness of its historical,
14 cultural, and social significance.

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

Approved,