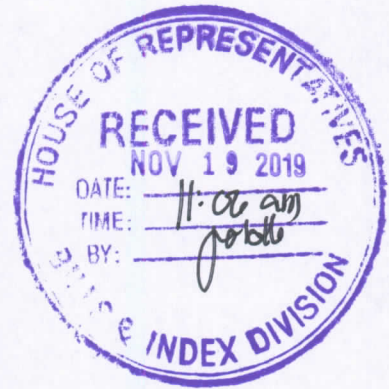


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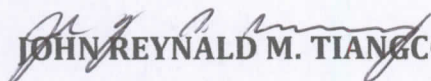
This bill seeks to declare the sixteenth (16th) day of January of every year as a special non-working holiday in the City of Navotas to commemorate its foundation day anniversary.

Prior to the passage of Republic Act No. 9387 otherwise known as *An Act Converting the Municipality of Navotas into a Highly Urbanized City, to be known as the City of Navotas*, which was approved on 10 March 2007, and even as early as 1906, the City of Navotas has been commemorating its foundation day every January 16. Each year, prior to its celebration, Navoteños, members of the community, civil service organizations, and the business sector alike, inquire with the City Government of Navotas if the 16th day of January is a special holiday. Their query is meritorious considering that the declaration of a holiday will affect the operations of schools, businesses, and work within the City.

To put an end to these uncertainties, and to allow the people of the City of Navotas to celebrate and commemorate its foundation day, there is a compelling need to declare the January 16 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the City of Navotas, for the members of its community to commemorate its foundation day anniversary.

The same measure was previously filed and approved by both the upper and lower houses of the 17th Congress. Unfortunately, due to lack of material time, the bill was not passed into law. Thus, necessitates the refiling of this bill with high hopes of hastening its enactment.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY SIXTEEN OF EVERY YEAR
AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS**

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

SECTION 1. January sixteen (16) of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the City of Navotas to commemorate its Foundation Day Anniversary.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,