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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to honor the gallantry and heroism of Francisco Dagohoy by declaring July 4 of every year as "Francisco Dagohoy Day" and a non-working holiday for the entire province of Bohol.

A native of Bohol, Francisco Dagohoy, whose real name is Francisco Sendrijas, holds the distinction of having led the longest revolt in Philippine history. On July 4, 1744, Dagohoy, then a Cabeza de Barangay in the hinterland barrio of Inabanga, Bohol, has successfully started an 85-year-long revolution in Bohol against Spain. As recounted by historian Dr. Jes B. Tirol, it was on the same date when Dagohoy initially cried for freedom and declared independence from Spanish dominion. The revolt ended on August 31, 1829.

Francisco Dagohoy was among Bohol's most significant contribution to the country's collection of military heroes. It is therefore appropriate to give due recognition and celebration to the valiant acts of Francisco Dahogoy, especially from among us Boholanos. This also to ensure that the present, and the future, generation will continue to acknowledge and live his legacy of courage and heroism.

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

  
**RENE LOPEZ RELAMPAGOS**

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**“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR AS FRANCISCO  
DAGOHOY DAY, A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”**

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

**SECTION 1.** Short Title. — This Act shall be known as the “Francisco Dagohoy Day”.

**SECTION 2.** Special Working Holiday. — July 4 of every year is hereby declared as “Francisco Dagohoy Day,” which shall be a non-working holiday in the entire province of Bohol. In the event that the holiday falls on a weekend, the holiday shall be observed on the Friday of that week.

**SECTION 3.** Implementing Agency. — The Department of Education Regional Office shall plan and implement activities for the “Francisco Dagohoy Day”, and ensure that Dagohoy’s legacy of courage and heroism is given emphasis to encourage the youth to continue the good values and patriotism demonstrated by the late Francisco Dagohoy.

Moreover, to ensure meaningful observance of the holiday as herein declared, all heads of local government units and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, and employers in the private sector shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their respective offices or establishments to celebrate the Francisco Dagohoy Day.

**SECTION 4.** Separability Clause. If any provisions of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

**SECTION 5.** Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,