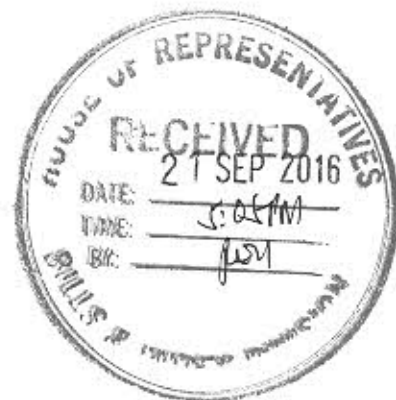




Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 3718



Introduced by Representatives **GERALDINE B. ROMAN** and
JOSE ENRIQUE S. GARCIA III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare January 11 of every year as Bataan Foundation Day and a special non-working public holiday in the entire province.

Bataan rings a chord in the heart of every Filipino. It is a symbol of democracy and freedom — a memorial to the gallant Filipino-American defenders of Bataan who fought decisive battles that delayed the timetable of the well-equipped and better trained Japanese Imperial forces, and changed the course of history in the Pacific.

Once a part of the Province of Pampanga during the early Spanish colonial period, Bataan was declared a separate and new province on January 11, 1757 through a decree signed by then Governor General Pedro Manuel de Arandia. Before this, the region was divided into two parts: the Corregimiento of Mariveles and the Province of Pampanga. The towns of Mariveles, Bagac, Morong and Maragondon, Cavite comprised the Corregimiento of Mariveles that was under the jurisdiction of the Recollect Order of the Roman Catholic Church. The Province of Pampanga included the towns of Orion, Pilar, Balanga, Abucay, Samal, Orani, Llana Hermosa and San Juan de Dinalupihan. The latter group was under the charge of the Dominican Order. Limay, the twelfth town of Bataan, was named only in 1917.

Most of the people living in Bataan are Tagalogs and Kapampangans. Recent rapid industrialization has lured thousands of people from other provinces to settle within Bataan. With the significant developments that have propelled Bataan to what it is today, it is only fitting to designate a special day every year to commemorate and celebrate its historic foundation with

appropriate ceremonies and activities. It will also showcase the products that the province is famous for. This particular day will also highlight the ingenuity of its townfolk to transform and sustain a progressive Bataan.

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


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2 **DECLARING JANUARY 11 OF EVERY YEAR AS BATAAN**
3 **FOUNDATION DAY AND A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC**
4 **HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE**

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6 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
7 *Congress assembled:*
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9 SECTION 1. January 11 of every year is hereby declared as Bataan
10 Foundation Day and a special non-working public holiday in the entire province.

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

Approved,