

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

Seventeenth Congress
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House Bill No. 4272



Introduced by **Honorable Gil P. Acosta, Honorable Frederick F. Abueg, and
Honorable Franz Josef George E. Alvarez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Act seeks to declare January 24 of every year as Governor Higinio Acosta Mendoza, Sr. day in the Province of Palawan.

January 24, 1944 should remain as a significant date in the history of the Palaweños. This is the day when Governor Higinio Acosta Mendoza Sr. was executed by the Japanese forces in Canigaran, Puerto Princesa, Palawan. Governor Mendoza was executed by the Japanese for refusing to pledge allegiance to the Japanese flag.

Considering the heroic deeds and accomplishments of Dr. Higinio Acosta Mendoza, Sr., the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan enacted Provincial Ordinance 269-A Series of 1997 declaring Dr. Higinio A. Mendoza, Sr. as Palawan's Provincial Hero. On May 17, 2013 RA 10559 was enacted naming the Palawan Police Provincial Office to Camp Higinio Acosta Mendoza, Sr." and on September 20, 2016, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan enacted Resolution No. 12770 Series of 2016 declaring the 24th of January of every year as Governor Higinio Acosta Mendoza, Sr. day.

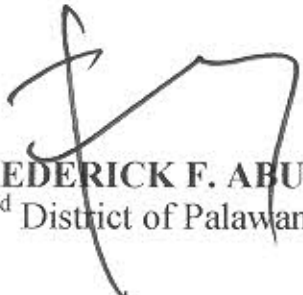
It is only proper and fitting that the martyrdom of Governor Mendoza, Palawan's Provincial Hero, be celebrated as a special, non-working holiday in

the Province of Palawan including the City of Puerto Princesa in commemoration of this great Palaweño.

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



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1 **AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 24 OF EVERY YEAR AS**
2 **GOVERNOR HIGINIO ACOSTA MENDOZA, SR. DAY IN THE**
3 **PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA**
4 **IN HONOR OF THE MARTYRDOM OF GOVERNOR HIGINIO**
5 **ACOSTA MENDOZA**
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9 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
10 *Congress assembled:*
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13 SECTION 1. - January 24 of every year is hereby declared as a special,
14 non-working holiday in the Province of Palawan and the City of Puerto
15 Princesa in honor of the Martyrdom of Governor Higinio Acosta Mendoza.
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17 SECTION 2. – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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