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HOUSE BILL NO. **2794**

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Introduced by **Congressman Leopoldo N. Bataoil and**  
**Congressman Amado T. Espino, Jr.**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare April 5 of every year as the Pangasinan Day and a special non-working public holiday in the Province of Pangasinan.

On April 2, 2013, Proclamation No. 568 issued by the Office of the President, signed by Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa, Jr. in behalf of President Benigno Aquino, Jr. declared April 5 as a special non-working holiday in Province of Pangasinan as the "Agew na Pangasinan". It is to commemorate the celebration of the foundation day of the Province of Pangasinan.

The finding of the Committee headed by Atty. Gonzalo Duque, Pangasinan was constituted as a province or "alcaldea" under the Spanish crown on April 5, 1580 was adopted in a provincial ordinance enacted last year by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

With the declaration of April 5 as a special non-working holiday in the whole Province of Pangasinan will give full opportunity to the residents to commemorate and celebrate the historic event of the foundation of the province. Several commemorative activities will then be held.

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

  
**LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL**

  
**AMADO T. ESPINO, JR.**

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AN ACT

DECLARING APRIL 5 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE PANGASINAN DAY AND A  
SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF  
PANGASINAN.

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

SECTION 1. April 5 of every year is hereby declared as the Pangasinan Day and  
a special non-working holiday in the Province of Pangasinan.

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

Approved,