

Eighteenth Congress
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6084



Introduced by Representative Michael B. Gorriceta

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare January 8 of every year as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pavia in the Province of Iloilo, in commemoration of its declaration as an independent municipality.

Pavia, which used to be a part of the Municipality of Sta. Barbara in 1901, was attached to the City of Iloilo in 1904 and was included in the then Municipality of Jaro in 1920.

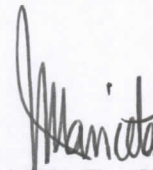
An Executive Order was released in 1921 by Francis Burton Harrison, then Governor General of the Philippines, to separate the Municipality of Pavia from the Municipality of Jaro and reorganize it into an independent municipality.

This proposed measure seeks to recognize the efforts of the local leaders who helped in the formation of Pavia as an independent local government unit, foster pride of place among the residents and those who trace their ancestry from the municipality and encourage the current populace to further engage in activities that will supplement and support the town.

Furthermore, as the Municipality reaches the Centennial commemoration of this historic event, this bill aims for the strengthening of the programs and projects directed towards the benefit of the municipality, the improvement of its economic standing and to highlight the immense commitment and service needed to sustain its prestige.

Along with this comes the anticipation that by enlightening the public with the importance of its declaration as an independent municipality, positive action shall stem from its recognition.

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

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MICHAEL B. GORRICETA

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IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS
DECLARATION AS AN INDEPENDENT MUNICIPALITY**

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

SECTION 1. The Municipality of Pavia was declared an independent municipality by virtue of an Executive Order by then Governor General of the Philippines, Francis Burton Harrison, on January 8, 1921, thus, January 8 of every year is declared a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pavia.

SEC. 2. (a) By declaring January 8 of every year as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pavia, it would foster a sense of pride among the locals and preserve the memory of its history, including the recognition of the efforts of those who have contributed in leading the municipality to its independent status. The local holiday would encourage the local

government unit of Pavia to honor and memorialize its declaration as an independent municipality by offering tribute and celebration in its commemoration.

(b) As the declaration approaches its Centennial in the year 2021, the recognition of the importance of this historical milestone and the promotion of public awareness regarding its significance is essential in maintaining the pride of place and the commitment to contribute to the municipality for the coming generations in the years to come.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,