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HOUSE BILL NO.1810

Introduced by **HON. ROGELIO D. PACQUIAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On November 28, 1992, Republic Act 7228, "An Act Creating the Province of Sarangani" was ratified, separating Sarangani from South Cotabato. The people of Sarangani have remained strong and united ever since. Verily, Sarangani has come a long way since its inception, achieving gradual yet significant progress in terms of economic development and provision of public services and infrastructure. More importantly, the Sarangans, or the people of Sarangani, have fully embraced their provincial identity. This is exemplified in our annual MunaTo Festival, coinciding with our foundation day, wherein the proud and mighty Sarangans commemorate our rich history as one of the First Peoples in the Philippines as established by archeological evidence.

In view of the foregoing, and in further affirmation of the unity and common identity of Sarangans, this representation is hereby seeking the approval of this bill, which would designate November 28 of each year as a non-working holiday in Sarangani. This will undeniably pave way for a more meaningful observance of this special day in our province.

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**"AN ACT
DECLARING NOVEMBER 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SARANGANI IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS
FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY"**

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

SECTION 1. November 28 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Province of Sarangani in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,