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HOUSE BILL No. 3459

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Introduced by HONORABLE PABLO C. ORTEGA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to designate the 2nd day of March as La Union Day and as a special non-working holiday in the Province. By virtue of the Superior Decreto signed by Governor General Antonio Maria Blanco on March 2, 1850, La Union was founded as the 34th Province since the founding of Cebu in 1565. On April 18, 1854, Queen Isabella II of Spain issued the royal decree (real orden) from Madrid confirming Blanco's Superior Decreto.


Since then, the people of the La Union referred to March 2 as "La Union Foundation Day", which they commemorate every year to celebrate the rich history, great achievements and significant contributions of its people.

Historically, La Union was carved from the nine (9) towns of Pangasinan, three (3) of Ilocos Sur and villages of the Eastern Pais del Igorotes in the Cordilleras. The name La Union indicates the union of towns from different provinces.

Although "young" when compared to older Provinces in the region such as Pangasinan, Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte, the Province developed to a progressive and peaceful Province in keeping with its original vision of "a province geared towards peace, prosperity, growth and development." The original twelve (12) towns have grown to nineteen (19) municipalities and a city. The additional eight (8) are: Santol, San Gabriel, Bagulin, Burgos, Pugo, Tubao, Rosario and Sudipen.

In recognition of the rich culture and great achievements of this Province, this bill seeks the declaration of March 2 of every year as "La Union Day", which shall be a special non-working holiday.

In view thereof, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


PABLO C. ORTEGA



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HOUSE BILL No. **3459**

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AN ACT
DECLARING MARCH 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS
FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS "LA UNION DAY"

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

SECTION 1. March 2 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Province of La Union in commemoration of its foundation anniversary to be known as "La Union Day".

SECTION 2. In the event that the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, or on a nationally declared non-working holiday, the holiday shall be observed on the next following business day.

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

Approved,