

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



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House Bill No. 6777

Introduced by
**Honorable Francis Gerald A. Abaya, Honorable Strike B. Revilla,
Honorable Alex L. Advincula, Honorable Jennifer Austria-Barzaga,
Honorable Roy M. Loyola, Honorable Luis A. Ferrer IV
and Honorable Abraham N. Tolentino**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was originally filed as House Bill No. 339 introduced by Honorable Joseph Emilio A. Abaya during the Fourteenth Congress.

March 22, 1869 is a landmark date in the Philippine history. On this momentous day, a hero was born. His name was Emilio Aguinaldo y Famy – the man who rallied the Filipino people to revolt against the Spanish colonizers, and who eventually became the first President of the Philippine Republic.

Yet, in spite of his countless triumphs and tremendous sacrifices for this country and its people, his place in the country's pantheon remains uncertain. Sad to say, he was forgotten by several generations of Filipinos who now enjoy the liberty that he so zealously fought for. This fact was recognized by then Senate President Ferdinand Marcos in a eulogy that he delivered at the necrological services for the late Aguinaldo. "Too long Emilio Aguinaldo stayed with us almost unhonored and unsung. He had lived to see the nation commemorate the centenaries of the birth of Rizal, Bonifacio, Mabini, and Luna. Monuments rose to men who fought with him like Gregorio del Pilar and Luna. But not a single bust of the revolutionary leader appeared in public plazas."

Thus, it is but a fitting tribute to a great leader and to a national hero that the anniversary of his birth be commemorated by the entire Filipino nation every year. Towards this end, this bill seeks to declare March 22 of every year as Aguinaldo Day throughout the country and a special non-working holiday in the Province of Cavite. This will enable the Filipino people to honor their fallen hero on his birth anniversary and to give the proper recognition due him. For indeed, the birth of General Emilio Aguinaldo on March 22, 1869 also made possible the birth of an independent Filipino nation twenty-nine years later.

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



HON. FRANCIS GERALD A. ABAYA



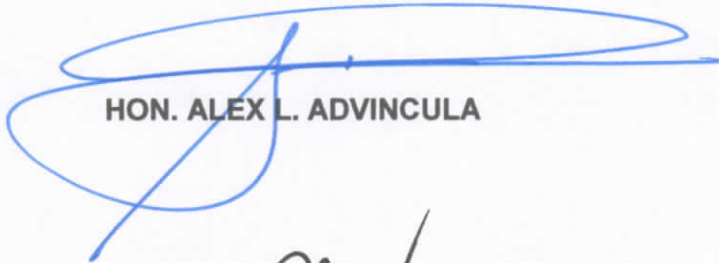
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**AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS AGUINALDO DAY
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IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE**

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

1 **SECTION. 1.** March 22 of every year is hereby declared as Aguinaldo Day
2 throughout the country and a special non-working holiday in the Province of Cavite in
3 order to commemorate the birth anniversary of General Emilio Aguinaldo.

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5 **SECTION. 2.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations
6 and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
7 are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

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

Approved,