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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pasay was once part of the Namayan Kingdom, a confederation of Barangays whose ruler was a Rajah. This Namayan Kingdom stretches from Manila Bay to Laguna de Bai. Dayang-dayang Pasay a princess of the Namayan Kingdom inherited the lands comprising the territories of Culi-culi, Pasay and Baclaran. The Kingdom's seat of power was built in Sta. Ana de Sapa. For 149 years, from 1578 to 1727, Pasay was part of Sta. Ana until it was ceded by the Franciscan Friars to the Augustinian Friars and Pasay became part of Malate under the Parish of Nuestra Señora de los Remedios.

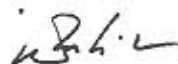
On 02 December 1863, Pasay became an independent pueblo (town) by virtue of Ecclesiastical Decree upon the recommendation of Archbishop Gregorio Martinez of Sta. Cruz.

In 1865, Pasay's name was changed to Pineda in honor of Don Cornelio Pineda for his heroic deeds. In 11 June 1901, Pasay (then Pineda) was annexed to the province of Rizal by virtue of Republic Act No. 137. On 04 August 1901, by virtue of Com. Civil Law # 227 passed by the Municipal Board, the name Pineda was reverted back to Pasay in honor of Princess Pasay. On 21 June 1947 through RA No. 183, Pasay became Rizal City in honor of Dr. Jose Rizal, the country's National Hero. The city's name reverted back to Pasay City on 03 May 1950 by virtue of RA No. 437. After Martial Law was declared in 1972 by then President Ferdinand E. Marcos, Pasay City was subsequently included to be among the 17 local government units comprising Metro Manila.

Thus, in order to give the residents of Pasay City the opportunity to celebrate the momentous occasion of 02 December as its Foundation Day anniversary, it is but fitting and proper to declare 02 December of every year as a special non-working holiday.

Further, this is a re-filed measure from the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress approved by the House of Representatives on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading per Journal No. 54 dated March 4, 2014 and has reached the Senate of the Philippines and was approved on the Committee on Local Government pending Plenary Sponsorship before the campaign period commenced for the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought for.



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**Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE IMELDA CALIXTO-RUBIANO**

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING DECEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING**  
**HOLIDAY IN PASAY CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "FOUNDATION DAY OF PASAY**  
**CITY"**

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

**SECTION 1.** December 2 of every year is hereby declared as a special nonworking holiday in Pasay City, to be known as the "Foundation Day of Pasay City."

**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,