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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are many legendary tales and theories explaining the origin of the name Pasig. However, the most convincing theory comes from the late Dr. Jose Villa Panganiban – a linguist, polugot, professor, and former director of the Institute of National Language. He said that “Pasig” is an old Sanskrit word referring to a “river flowing from one body of water to another,” in the case of Pasig River, from Laguna de Bay, to Manila Bay. Pasig is one of the oldest town in the Philippines. The Augustinians created it in 1572. In June 1901, Act No. 137 of the Philippine Commission incorporated Pasig in the newly created Province of Rizal. It became the Provincial Capital of Rizal until 1975 when the Metro Manila Commission was created under Presidential Decree No. 824. On 26 July 1994, the Senate and the House of Representatives enacted Republic Act No. 7829 converting the Municipality of Pasig into a highly urbanized city. This law is otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Pasig. On 08 December 1994, President Fidel V. Ramos signed it into law. The people of Pasig ratified this through a plebiscite on 21 January 1995.

On 02 July 1573, Pasig was declared as the Visitacion Parish. It is the first Marian Parish in the Philippines and probably in Asia. The City of Pasig marked its 443rd anniversary last 02 July 2016 by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 4 (*Declaring Saturday, 2 July, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Pasig*), issued by the Executive Secretary by authority of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. This was declared a special (non-working) day for the people of the City of Pasig to be “given full opportunity to celebrate and participate in the occasion with appropriate ceremonies”.

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

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING JULY 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN PASIG CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ANNIVERSARY DAY OF PASIG CITY"

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

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