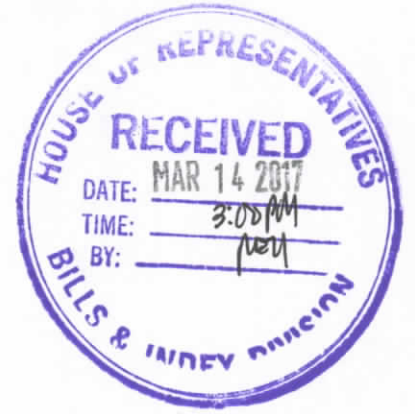




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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill was previously filed by Rep. JC Rahman A. Nava in the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress and was approved by the House of Representatives on third reading. It seeks to declare May 22 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the Province of Guimaras to commemorate its provincehood.

Before becoming a province, Guimaras was formerly a sub-province of Iloilo. It is known for its sweet mangoes, cashew nuts, copra, coffee and other fruit bearing trees. Guimaras is a popular tourist destination because of its beautiful coastline and clean beaches. The economic development of the island encouraged its local officials and people to work hard for their separation from the province of Iloilo and its conversion to an independent province.

It was on May 22, 1992 when Guimaras became a province by virtue of the resounding "YES" vote in the plebiscite conducted for the purpose. Thus, to give the people of Guimaras a chance to commemorate the significance of the occasion, it is proper that the said date be declared a special non-working holiday in the province.

  
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NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS IN  
COMMEMORATION OF ITS ANNIVERSARY AS A PROVINCE**

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

SECTION 1. May 22 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Province of Guimaras in commemoration of its anniversary as a province.

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,