

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1809



Introduced by **HON. ROGELIO D. PACQUIAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare October Twenty-Seven of every year a special non-working holiday in the Province of Sarangani in recognition of its Indigenous Peoples, who constitute a large portion of the population of the province and has contributed to its rich and diverse cultural heritage.

No less than the Constitution declares that “The State recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development” (Art. II, Sec. 22). The national government has undertaken various steps in furtherance of this mandate, including the passage of the Indigenous Peoples’ Rights Act (IPRA), and the declaration of October as National Indigenous Peoples’ Month by virtue of Proclamation No. 1906.

Sarangani is home to five Indigenous Peoples groups, namely the Blaan, Taboli, Tagakaulo, Ubo, and Manobo. Together, they comprise roughly 40% of the total population of the province. This relatively higher percentage of Indigenous Peoples compared to most provinces deserves recognition and must be celebrated annually in order to promote their welfare and culture as well as foster unity amidst diversity.

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


ROGELIO D. PACQUIAO

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AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER TWENTY-SEVEN OF EVERY YEAR A
SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF
SARANGANI

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

SECTION 1. October Twenty-Seven of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Province of Sarangani in recognition of its Indigenous Peoples, who constitute a large portion of the population of the province and has contributed to its rich and diverse cultural heritage.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,