

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

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session

House Bill No. 7089



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**Introduced by Representative ERIC GO YAP**

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

On July 15, 1987, Executive Order No. 220 was signed into law, establishing the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) composed of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mountain Province, and Baguio City. The law then states that CAR shall have the following purposes: (a) to administer the affairs of government in the region, (b) to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units of the region, and (c) to prepare for the establishment of the autonomous region in the Cordilleras.

This bill seeks to declare July 15 of every year a special nonworking holiday in the whole CAR in commemoration of its founding anniversary, to be known as "Cordillera Day." For the people of Cordillera, this is not just a celebration of the region's foundation, but also a renewal for the call for regional autonomy, which shall enable the preservation and strengthening of the Cordillera culture.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form the name "ERIC GO YAP".

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"CORDILLERA DAY"

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

**SECTION 1.** July 15 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Cordillera Administrative Region in commemoration of its founding anniversary, to be known as "Cordillera Day." When the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday shall be observed on the Monday that follows.

**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,