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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 8037

Introduced by Representative ERIC GO YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 23rd of November 1900 was the momentous day by which the first Civil Government in Benguet was established. This day symbolizes that regardless the mountainous terrain, the vastness or even the remoteness of land, government is within reach, and all the more necessary.

The rich history of the province indicates that although Benguet people are comprised of different groups, tribes, and cultures, they have harmoniously co-existed through the Civil Government. The inception of the Civil Government of Benguet under Act 48 with its then Civil Governor H.P Whitmarsh has needless to say, paved the way for sustained growth in the province.

This measure seeks to declare November 23 of every year a special non-working holiday in the Province of Benguet. Commemorating this day as a special non-working holiday provides an opportunity for the province to revisit its past and reconnect with its roots. The declaration of the Benguet Day provides a reason for the province to celebrate milestones, big or small that have ultimately transpired since the Civil Government’s creation.

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

ERIC GO YAP
AN ACT
DECLARING NOVEMBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS “BENGUET DAY”

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

SECTION 1. November 23 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Province of Benguet in commemoration of its founding anniversary, to be known as “Benguet 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,