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HOUSE BILL NO. 5460



Introduced by **Honorable Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Iglesia ni Cristo since its founding in 1914, has become a major religion in the country, comprising a major portion of the population. It has made meaningful contributions in developing the faith of the people, shaping model citizens, cultivating nation building through social service projects and programs that greatly benefit the members of its congregation as well as the rest of society. Given this manifestation, it is only proper that the Church of Christ's importance in our Republic be given the just recognition it truly deserves and have the rest of the country participate in its commemoration.

This proposed measure seeks to declare the 27th of July of every year as a national non-working holiday in celebration of the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo by amending Section 3 of Republic Act 9645.

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


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AN ACT

DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NATIONAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO"

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9645 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. National Holiday, - July 27 of every year is hereby declared a **special national NONWORKING** holiday in commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,