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s. No. 1274



Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

AN ACT

DECLARING OCTOBER 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Rosario is a $1^{\rm st}$ class municipality in the Province of Cavite. It is home to more than a hundred thousand residents according to the 2020 census. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) recognizes Rosario as 100% highly urbanized.

It was in October 22, 1845 when Spanish Governor-General Narciso Claveria promulgated a decree to establish a new town composed of Salinas-Leiton and Tierra Alta of San Francisco de Malabon. This is now known as the town of General Trias, also in the Province of Cavite. In 1846, the now Municipality of Rosario became an independent municipality separating itself from San Francisco de Malabon.

In the past, Rosario is known as Tejero, from the Spanish word *tejer* which means "to weave." Weaving fish nets was the main occupation of women then. It was also once called Salinas, from the Spanish word *sal* which means "salt." During the Philippine Revolution, salt-making was the prime industry of the town. Rosario was also named Marcella or Marcelles, derived from the Spanish word *mar* because of its proximity to the sea. Finally, Rosario was named in honor of their patroness Nuestra Señora Virgen Del Santissimo Rosario, Reina de Caracol or Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary.

To date, Rosario has gained its fame because of the great transitions that occurred owing to the town's political, social, cultural and economic developments. With its rich history, this bill seeks to declare October 22 of every year a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Rosario to annually commemorate its story and its people. Declaring the holiday will allow residents to celebrate and observe their town's founding anniversary. This proposed measure likewise recognizes their unwavering devotion to their patroness.

For the productive, peace-loving and God-fearing people of the Municipality of Rosario in the Province of Cavite who devotedly venerate the Nuestra Señora Virgen del Santissimo Rosario de Caracol as their patroness, consideration of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

Section 1. October 22 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of Cavite in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

Sec. 2. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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