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**AN ACT
DECLARING MARCH 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO BE KNOWN AS "LA UNION
DAY", IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The original Ilocos province was split into Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur in 1818. Governor General Claveria signed the proposal to unite selected areas in Pangasinan, Ilocos, and Cordillera into a new province in 1846. Almost four years after, Governor General Antonio Maria Blanco signed the Superior Decreto that founded the La Union as a political-military government and as the 34th province since the founding of Cebu in 1565. After a month, or on April 18, 1854 to be exact, Queen Isabella II of Spain issued a royal decree from Madrid confirming Blanco's Superior Decreto.

Since then, the people of La Union have referred to March 2 as "La Union Foundation Day", which they commemorate every year to celebrate the rich history, great achievements and significant contributions of its people.

Thus, this bill seeks to designate the 2nd day of March as La Union Day and as a special non-working holiday in the Province in recognition of its rich culture and traditions as well as its great achievements and consistent progress over the years. This will also allow its residents and local officials to be given full opportunity to participate in the festivities and ceremonies prepared by the local government.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lito M. Lapid', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "*Aldaw ti La Union*".

SECTION 2. *La Union Day.* — In recognition of its importance to our nation's
history and the province's contribution to nation building and national development,
the second (2nd) day of March of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking
holiday in the Province of La Union to be known as "*Aldaw ti La Union*".

SECTION 3. *Inter-agency and Multi-sectoral Effort.* — The Local Government of
the Province of La Union shall serve as the lead agency in the preparation and
implementation of the annual program of activities for the observance of the annual
Aldaw ti La Union.

To ensure the meaningful observance and celebration of this day, the local
counterparts of national government agencies, public schools, state universities and
colleges, and employers in the private sector, are encouraged to allow their respective
personnel and constituents to participate in any related activity to be held within the
premises of their respective offices or establishments.

1 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* — In the event that any part, section or
2 provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court,
3 the remaining provisions thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect as if
4 the sections or provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated herein.

5 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances,
6 rules and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of this Act
7 are hereby repealed or modified and/or superseded as case may be by this Act
8 accordingly.

9 SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
11 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

12 *Approved,*