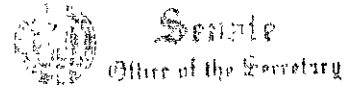



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Guimaras is the youngest and smallest of the six component provinces of the Western Visayas Region (Region 6). Known as the "Mango Country", Guimaras Island has 8,000 hectares of mango orchards managed by corporations and individual growers. The province's mango orchards produce the best mango variety certified as pest-free by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Declared as a full-pledged province on May 22, 1992, Guimaras has also been proclaimed as the "island to watch" due to unspoiled natural beauty as for its potential.

The province is composed of five municipalities, namely: Jordan, the provincial capital; Buenavista; Nueva Valencia; and the newly created Sibunag and San Lorenzo. Guimaras occupies about 3% of the region's total land area.

This bill seeks to give the people of the Province of Guimaras the chance to commemorate the significance of the occasion as it was on May 22, 1992 when Guimaras Island became a full-fledged province in the light of the provision of Republic Act. No. 7160.


  
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**AN ACT  
DECLARING MAY 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY  
IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS TO COMMEMORATE ITS ANNIVERSARY**

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

SECTION 1. May 22 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the Province of Guimaras in commemoration of its anniversary as a province.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,