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**AN ACT DECLARING MAY 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF
MARINDUQUE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVER-
SARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "STA. CRUZ DAY"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

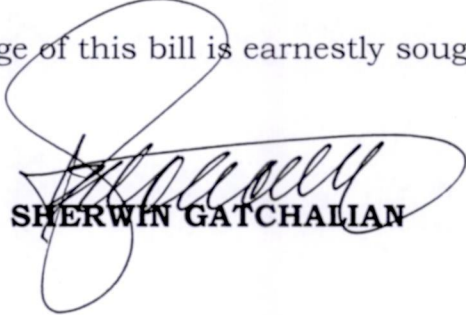
Santa Cruz, which literally means "Holy Cross," is an appropriate name for this Municipality in the Province of Marinduque. Based from historical facts, the island province of Marinduque has been Christianized since the 17th century. Due to Christianization, there would be no doubt that the island province would be a location for all types of churches and crosses, which symbolized the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for mankind. In fact, the Church of Sta. Cruz, the oldest in the entire province, was constructed in 1714 while the nearby Baluarte followed soon.

Although Boac is the provincial capital of Marinduque, Sta. Cruz is larger in land area and population. Further, aside from its historical landmarks and tourism potential, the Municipality of Sta. Cruz has rich agricultural and aquatic resources which are very crucial for the entire island province.

As a Municipality located west of Bontoc Peninsula, Sta. Cruz celebrates the Feast of the Holy Cross on May 3 of every year, which happens to

be its founding anniversary as well. In order to fully remember and recognize its founding anniversary, it is fitting to institutionalize May 3 as "Sta. Cruz Day" every year and to set it as a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Marinduque.

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



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6 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
7 *Congress assembled:*
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9 **SECTION 1.** May 3 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking
10 holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Marinduque, to be
11 known as 3 "Sta. Cruz Day," in commemoration of its founding anniversary.
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13 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
14 Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,