



Nineteenth Congress  
First Regular Session

## HOUSE BILL NO. 3581

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Introduced by Representative Michael B. Gorriceta

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare January 8 of every year as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pavia in the Province of Iloilo, in commemoration of its declaration as an independent municipality.

Pavia, which used to be a part of the Municipality of Sta. Barbara in 1901, was attached to the City of Iloilo in 1904 and was included in the then Municipality of Jaro in 1920.

An Executive Order was released in 1921 by Francis Burton Harrison, then Governor General of the Philippines, to separate the Municipality of Pavia from the Municipality of Jaro and reorganize it into an independent municipality.

This proposed measure seeks to recognize the efforts of the local leaders who helped in the formation of Pavia as an independent local government unit, foster pride of place among the residents and those who trace their ancestry from the municipality and encourage the current populace to further engage in activities that will supplement and support the town.

Furthermore, as the Municipality reaches the Centennial commemoration of this historic event, this bill aims for the strengthening of the programs and projects directed towards the benefit of the municipality, the improvement of its economic standing and to highlight the immense commitment and service needed to sustain its prestige.

Along with this comes the anticipation that by enlightening the public with the importance of its declaration as an independent municipality, positive action shall stem from its recognition.

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

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MICHAEL B. GORRICETA

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DECLARING JANUARY 8TH OF EVERY YEAR AS A LOCAL NON-WORKING  
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO,  
IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS DECLARATION AS AN INDEPENDENT  
MUNICIPALITY, TO BE KNOWN AS “PAVIA DAY”**

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

SECTION 1. January 8 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pavia in the Province of Iloilo in commemoration of its founding anniversary, to be known as “Pavia Day”.

SECTION 2. *Effectivity.*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,