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House Bill No. 4642



INTRODUCED BY REP. PM VARGAS

AN ACT
DECLARING JULY 2 AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE
FIFTH DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE
“ARAW NG NOVALICHES”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Fifth District of Quezon City or the Novaliches District is one of the fastest developing areas in Quezon City. It has a size of 5,246.72 hectares, comprises 14 barangays, and its population has already reached the half-million mark. Located at the northernmost part of the city, Novaliches serves as the gateway to the metropolis of the big province of Bulacan and is also the geographical center of Quezon City, San Jose and Caloocan City. The District also houses the La Mesa Dam Watershed, which supplies water to over 20 million residents of Metro Manila, and the La Mesa Eco-Park, an ecological nature reserve site that has become a favorite destination of city dwellers.

Apart from its development potential, the Novaliches District has also been witness to the Philippine’s rich history.

The District is the home of the Katipunan Tree which was a staging area of the Katipuneros during the Philippine Revolution. Under this old duhat tree, the Katipuneros held meetings and treated their wounded¹.

Additionally, it is in one of the barangays in Novaliches where Melchora Aquino, more popularly known as Tandang Sora, last stood her ground and was eventually arrested by the Guardia Civil on August 29, 1896 prior to her exile to Guam.

¹ Philippine News Agency. 2018. “Significance of the Katipunan Tree in Novaliches cited.” <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1038015> (Accessed Online 9 September 2022)

On July 2, 2012, a separate legislative district of Novaliches was reapportioned and created in Quezon City by virtue of Republic Act No. 10170. It is on this day that the newly-established Fifth District of Quezon City was founded and continued to flourish and thrive with Hon. Alfred Vargas as its first-ever district representative in the Philippine Congress.

This bill seeks to commemorate this historic event and declare July 2 of every year as “Araw ng Novaliches”, a special nonworking holiday in the Fifth District of Quezon City. It is the hope of this measure to instill a sense of pride and consciousness to all Novaleños.

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



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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "*Araw ng Novaliches Act*".

SECTION 2. Araw ng Novaliches. – The second day of July of every year is hereby declared as “Araw ng Novaliches”, a special nonworking holiday to be observed in the Fifth District of Quezon City.

SECTION 3. Implementation. – To ensure meaningful observance of the “Araw ng Novaliches”, all district barangay government officials, officers of public and private sector shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees and students to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their respective offices, establishments, or schools to celebrate the “Araw ng Novaliches”, such as but not limited to parades, fairs, sportsfest and the like.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. – This Act take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,