

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session
House Bill No. **4885**

Introduced by Representatives **EDWARD S. HAGEDORN** and **EDUARDO C. VILLANUEVA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill is a re-filed Bill from the 16th Congress, sponsored by Congressman Douglas S. Hagedorn, seeking to designate March 30 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the City of Puerto Princesa in observance of the Anniversary of its declaration as the "City of the Living God."

Puerto Princesa City was declared by the City Government through Sangguniang Panglungsod Resolution Nos. 770-2010 and 579-2012 dated June 4, 2012, and preceded by Executive Order No. 13, as the "City of the Living God." The declaration was in view of the fact that the City of Puerto Princesa is blessed with rich natural resources, opulent flora and fauna, and a home to one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature – the Puerto Princesa Underground River. Likewise, the city is surrounded with pristine white beaches and natural water falls, which we cannot attribute to anybody but the Living God. Indeed, Puerto Princesa, with all its beauty and attributes, is the City of the Living God. More than any of that, the city is so safely situated in the island which is away from the ring of fire. Hence, researchers believe that the city is one of the safest in the country as it can be spared from the "Big One", which is feared to strike in the near future.

Recently, deep-focus earthquakes with a magnitude ranging from 4 to 7 occur frequently jolting many parts of the country. Despite those thousands of earthquakes recorded, none was ever felt in the city. The presence of mangrove-rich areas and vast coral reefs likewise protects the city from the occurrence of tsunamis. Thus, the City being sheltered from said natural calamities, it is but important for the people to remember, feel and celebrate God's fortification at least once every year.

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1 **AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 30 OF EVERY YEAR AS**
2 **THE ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE OF THE**
3 **DECLARATION OF PUERTO PRINCESA CITY AS**
4 **CITY OF THE LIVING GOD AND AS A SPECIAL NON-**
5 **WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY**

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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines*
8 *Congress assembled:*
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10 **SECTION 1.** To commemorate the Anniversary celebration of the Declaration of
11 Puerto Princesa City as the City of the Living God, March 30 of every year is hereby
12 declared as a special non-working holiday in observance of the same.
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14 In the event that the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday will be
15 observed on the Monday that follows.
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17 **SECTION 2.** All laws, executive orders, presidential issuances, rules and
18 regulations or part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
19 or amended accordingly.
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21 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
22 *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.
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24 Approved.

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



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