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HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS
FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "BENGUET DAY"


EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 23rd of November 1900 marked the historic creation of Benguet's first civil government. This day symbolizes that, despite the mountainous terrain and vastness, or even remoteness of the province, there is a government that is accessible and responsive to the people.

The establishment of the Civil Government of Benguet under Act 48, with its then Civil Governor H.P. Whitmarsh, provides a head start that paved the way for the province's long-term socioeconomic growth. The history of the province demonstrates that, despite the fact that the people of Benguet come from various groups, tribes, and cultures, they were able to coexist through to the civil government.

This measure seeks to declare November 23 of every year a special non-working holiday in the province of Benguet. Observing this day as a non-working holiday allows the province to reflect on its history and reconnect with its roots.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1.** November 23 of every year is hereby declared a special
2 nonworking holiday in the Province of Benguet, to be known as "*Benguet Day*" in
3 commemoration of its Founding Anniversary.

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5 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
6 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,