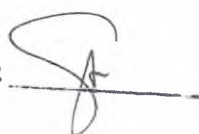


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Religious freedom in the Philippines promoted the growth of many religious groups in the country. The Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) is one of these groups. It was founded on July 27, 1914 by Brother Felix Y. Manalo, the first Executive Minister of the Iglesia ni Cristo. The INC's first *lokal* or local congregation was located in Punta, Santa Ana, Manila. According to the 2015 Philippine Statistics Authority Census on Population and Housing, the INC is the third largest religious affinity in the country with 2.6 million Filipinos reported Iglesia Ni Cristo as their religious affiliation.

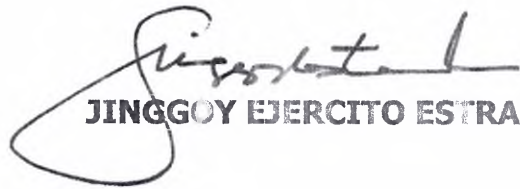
Since its establishment, the Iglesia ni Cristo has grown from one local congregation in Manila to around 5,000 places of worship worldwide. This is clearly a strong testament not only to the INC's growth as a religious sector in our society, but a manifestation as well of the strength of the Filipino people's faith.

The dynamic and disciplined leadership of the Iglesia ni Cristo and its members have made it a role model for other religious organizations. Attending not only to the religious needs of its members, the Iglesia ni Cristo also looks after the

society in general through various projects such as outreach programs particularly for calamity victims and indigents, housing programs, livelihood projects to provide income opportunities to both members and non-members, medical-dental missions and blood donation drives through the New Era General Hospital, and education through the New Era University.

The intention of this bill is to declare the 27th day of July of every year as a special working holiday in observance of the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo.

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



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

1 Section 1. The twenty-seventh (27th) day of July every year is hereby
2 declared a special working holiday for the observance of the founding anniversary of
3 the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC).

4 Sec. 2. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
5 regulations, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
6 modified accordingly.

7 Sec. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
8 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of
9 general circulation.

Approved,