

Republic of the Philippines  
**Congress of the Philippines**  
 Metro Manila  
 Nineteenth Congress  
 Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second day of July, two thousand twenty-four.

[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12274 ]

AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, TO BE KNOWN AS "ARAW NG STA. CRUZ", IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY

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


SECTION 1. April 1 of every year is hereby declared a special working holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Occidental Mindoro, to be known as "Araw ng Sta. Cruz", in commemoration of its foundation anniversary. Upon proclamation of the President, April 1 of every year shall be a special non-working holiday in the said municipality.


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

Approved,

  
 FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO President of the Senate  
  
 FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act, which originated in the House of Representatives, was passed by the House of Representatives on November 21, 2022, amended by the Senate of the Philippines on December 17, 2024, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on June 4, 2025.

  
 RENATO N. BANTUG JR.  
 Secretary of the Senate

  
 REGINALD S. VELASCO  
 Secretary General  
 House of Representatives

Approved:

Lapsed into law on **SEP 07 2025**  
 without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution

FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.  
 President of the Philippines

