



Republic of the Philippines
 PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN
 SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 143-2010

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AND CITING APRIL 5, 1580
 AS THE OFFICIAL FOUNDATION DAY OF PANGASINAN

WHEREAS, the identification of the foundation day or the beginning of existence of every local government unit is an important undertaking in the enrichment of its cultural and historical heritage;

WHEREAS, it has long been the dream of Pangasinan leaders, historians, researchers, academicians, educators and other sectors of society to determine the foundation day or anniversary of the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, a Research and Study Committee to determine the exact date of the Province of Pangasinan Chapter was created by Governor Amado T. Espino, Jr. through Executive Order No. 0024-2009 as amended by Executive Order No. 00001-2010. The committee is composed of representatives from the provincial government, historical and cultural organizations, academe and media with Dr. Gonzalo T. Duque as Chairman;

WHEREAS, the Research and Study Committee found out that it was on April 5, 1572 when Pangasinan was made an encomienda by the Spanish royal crown to receive instructions on the Catholic faith, which means that Pangasinan was organized under one leadership and has identity before the Spanish royal court. Eight years later, in 1580, Pangasinan was organized into a political unit under an alcalde mayor who at the time has authority as head of province or provincial government with judicial function indicating that Pangasinan has become a province. However, there are no records found by the Committee to establish the exact date in 1580;

WHEREAS, the Research and Study Committee unanimously recommends the declaration of April 5, 1580 as the official founding day of the Province of Pangasinan to commemorate two historic events in its existence. The date April 5 to commemorate the day when Pangasinan became an encomienda and 1580 to commemorate the year it became a Province;

WHEREAS, the declaration of April 5, 1580 as the official foundation day of the Province of Pangasinan will further enhance the cultural and historical enlightenment and social consciousness of our people;

WHEREAS, such declaration will usher in the celebration of the 430th Foundation Day of the Province of Pangasinan on April 5, 2010;

WHEREFORE, on unanimous motion, duly seconded –

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Declaring and Citing April 5, 1580 as the Official Foundation Day of Pangasinan”.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and shall be valid until such time that a more conclusive evidence to establish the exact date of Pangasinan Charter is discovered.

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ATTESTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

AMADO T. ESPINO, JR.
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