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DECLARING MARCH 7 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL (IGACOS), PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

By virtue of Republic Act No. 8471, and by overwhelming ratification of the people through a local plebiscite held on March 7, 1998, the former municipalities of Babak, Samal and Kaputian in Davao del Norte and all of the Samal Island was merged into one local government unit and became a city that is now called the Island Garden City of Samal or IGACOS. It is now politically subdivided into 46 barangays with a total land area of 30, 130 hectares and estimated total population 116, 771 according to the 2020 PSA census.

IGACOS is now one of the best visited islands of Mindanao and the fastest growing tourist destination of the Philippines for its numerous beach resorts scattered along the shorelines.

To commemorate the historic day of the founding of the city, this proposed measure declares March 7 every year as a special non-working holiday in IGACOS, province of Davao del Norte.

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


SENATOR CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE "BONG" T. GO

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

1 **SECTION 1.** March 7 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-
2 working holiday in the Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao del Norte.
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4 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication In at
5 least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,