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**Senate Bill No. 2366**

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**Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri**

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**AN ACT  
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING  
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, TO BE KNOWN AS "ARAW NG  
BUKIDNON," IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Bukidnon is a landlocked province in Northern Mindanao with a progressive agriculture-based economy. It is home to a myriad of natural attractions, with its unique terrain composed of deep ravines and dense forest mountains. Among the most famous attractions of the province are the Kitanglad Mountain Ranges that include Mt. Dulang Dulang, the second highest peak in the country.

The province is also known for its rich culture, serving as the native land of various indigenous peoples. Bukidnon is also the home of the famous Kaamulan Festival where the colorful tradition and vibrant culture of the province's seven tribes are celebrated.

Bukidnon was first officially known as a full-pledged province when Act No. 2408 creating the Department of Mindanao and Sulu took effect on September 1, 1914. Section 19 (b) of this Act provided that "*The Province of Bukidnon shall consist of the territory now known as sub-province of Bukidnon.*" Since then, Bukidnon commemorates its founding anniversary on the first day of September of every year.

This bill seeks to declare September 1 as a special non-working holiday in the province, to be known as the "*Araw ng Bukidnon.*" The celebration of this founding anniversary will further strengthen the community of Bukidnon and allow its people to participate in the commemoration of this momentous event in the history of the province.

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

**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** September 1 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working  
2 holiday in the Province of Bukidnon, to be known as "*Araw ng Bukidnon*," in  
3 commemoration of its foundation anniversary.

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

*Approved,*