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SENATE

S.B. No. 1550

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**AN ACT
DECLARING NOVEMBER 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The name Sultan Kudarat was derived from the 7th Sultan of Maguindanao, Muhammad Dipatuan Kudarat. He is a direct descendant of Shariff Kabungsuwan, the first Sultan of Maguindanao and the Malay missionary responsible for bringing Islam to Mindanao. Sultan Kudarat ruled over the most part of Mindanao from 1625 to 1671 and he fought attempts of the Spaniards to conquer his kingdom. On January 13, 1975, former President Ferdinand Marcos declared Sultan Muhammad Dipatuan Kudarat a national hero.

Sultan Kudarat, along with the provinces of Maguindanao and North Cotabato, was born out of what was once known as the great province of Cotabato on November 22, 1973 by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 341.

This bill seeks to declare November 22nd of every year as a special non-working holiday in the province of Sultan Kudarat to give its citizens full opportunity to commemorate this momentous event with appropriate ceremonies fitting the occasion.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1.** November 22 is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday
2 in the Province of Sultan Kudarat, to commemorate its foundation day anniversary.

3 **SEC. 2. Repealing Cause.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations,
4 rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or
5 modified accordingly.

6 **SEC. 3. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
7 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and
8 subsisting.

9 **SEC. 4. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,