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AN ACT
DECLARING MARCH 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF DAVAO TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ARAW NG DABAW", REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7551 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7685

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed measure seeks to declare March 1 of every year as a special non-working holiday to correct the historical inaccuracy in Davao city evolution as a major urban center of the country.

The bill further aims to repeal the existing laws namely Republic Act No. 7551 and Republic Act No. 7685 which formally declare the City's founding anniversary every March 16 of every year on the assumption that the Davao City was founded on March 16, 1937. However, pieces of evidence were discovered showing that Davao City was actually founded on March 1, 1937 such as markers on historic landmarks found in the City of Davao and a local legislation – Resolution No. 25 promulgated by the 5th Council of Davao indicating that "*Araw ng Dabaw*" should be celebrated on March 1 of every year, which was prompted by a Resolution of the Davao Historical Society then led by Dean Florendo R. Mangaoil.

Given the above propositions, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 Section 1. March 1 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working
2 public holiday in the City of Davao to be known as the "Araw ng Dabaw" to
3 commemorate its foundation day.

4 Sec. 2. On March 1 of every year, the officials of Davao City shall lead
5 appropriate and meaningful celebrations and activities that give significance and
6 meaning to the founding fathers of the City, its glorious history and contributions to
7 national development, among others, to be participated in by the officials and
8 employees of the national and local organizations, agencies and instrumentalities,
9 civic, religious and non-government organizations, private companies and other
10 interested parties.

11 Sec. 3. Republic Act No. 7551 and Republic Act No. 7685 are hereby repealed.

12 Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in
13 at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,