



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8699

BY REPRESENTATIVES GARCIA-ALBANO, UNGAB, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS,
PADUANO, ROCAMORA, CARI, BARZAGA, ROBES AND
NOGRALES (J.J.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 992

AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL
NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF DAVAO,
PROVINCE OF DAVAO, TO BE KNOWN AS
"ARAW NG DABAW", REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACTS NUMBERED 7551 AND 7685

*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
2 special nonworking holiday in the City of Davao, Province of
3 Davao, to be known as "Araw ng Dabaw", in commemoration of its
4 founding anniversary.

5 SEC. 2. On March 1 of every year, the officials of Davao
6 City shall lead appropriate and meaningful celebrations and
7 activities that shall give significance and meaning to the
8 aspirations of the city's founding fathers, and its glorious
9 history and contributions to national development. They shall
10 be participated in by officials and employees of the national
11 and local government units, agencies and instrumentalities,

1 civic, religious, nongovernment organizations, private companies
2 and other interested parties.

3 SEC. 3. Republic Act No. 7551, entitled "An Act Declaring
4 March 16 of Every Year as *Araw Ng Davao*, a Special Nonworking
5 Public Holiday in Davao City" and Republic Act No. 7685, entitled
6 "An Act Declaring March 16 of Every Year a Special Nonworking
7 Public Holiday in the City of Davao, to be Known as "Araw
8 ng Dabaw", are hereby repealed.

9 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
11 circulation.

Approved,

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