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**AN ACT
DECLARING JUNE 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY
IN THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN COMMEMORATION
OF ITS CHARTER ANNIVERSARY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

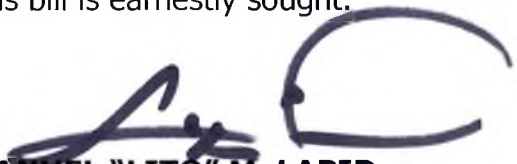
On June 17, 1961, then President Carlos Garcia signed into law Republic Act No. 3134 or the City Charter of Lapu-Lapu. This law converted the former municipality of Opon into the City of Lapu-Lapu. It named the city after Datu Lapu-Lapu, a chieftain of Mactan and the first Filipino hero who led the defeat against Portuguese conquistador Ferdinand Magellan in his attempt to colonize the Mactan Island.

Lapu-Lapu City is a first-class, highly urbanized city in the Central Visayas region, where the country's second busiest airport is located, i.e., the Mactan-Cebu International Airport. Lapu-Lapu City has been rated as among the country's most business-friendly places, according to a study of the Asian Institute of Management, the Canadian and Australian Government, the International Finance Corporation, the World Bank, the National Competitive Council and the Department of Trade and Industry.

This bill seeks to declare June 17 of every year a special non-working holiday in the City of Lapu-Lapu to commemorate its Charter Anniversary and to enable its residents and local officials to be given full opportunity to not only participate in the

festivities and ceremonies prepared by the local government, but also to celebrate the city's accomplishments and to recognize the people whose hard work and effort continue to contribute to their city's progress.

In view of the foregoing, early passage 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:*

SECTION 1. *Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Adlaw sa Dakbayan sa
Lapu Lapu Act".

SECTION 2. *Adlaw sa Dakbayan sa Lapu Lapu* — In recognition of its
importance to our nation's history and the city's contribution to nation building and
national development, the seventeenth (17th) day of June of every year is hereby
declared a special non-working holiday in the City of Lapu-Lapu, Cebu Province to be
known as the "*Adlaw sa Dakbayan sa Lapu Lapu*".

SECTION 3. *Inter-agency and Multi-sectoral Effort.* — The Local
Government of the City of Lapu-Lapu shall serve as the lead agency in the preparation
and implementation of the annual program of activities for the observance of the
annual *Adlaw sa Dakbayan sa Lapu Lapu*.

To ensure the meaningful observance and celebration of this day, the local
counterparts of national government agencies, public schools, state universities and
colleges, and employers in the private sector, are encouraged to allow their respective

1 personnel and constituents to participate in any related activity to be held within the
2 premises of their respective offices or establishments.

3 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* — In the event that any part, section or
4 provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court,
5 the remaining provisions thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect as if
6 the sections or provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated herein.

7 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances,
8 rules and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of this Act
9 are hereby repealed or modified and/or superseded as case may be by this Act
10 accordingly.

11 SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
12 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
13 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

14 Approved,