

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL No. 2986

Introduced by HON. JULIETTE T. UY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to designate June 15 of every year a special non-working holiday in commemoration of Araw ng Opol in the said municipality of Misamis Oriental.

Opol town was created from the villages of Opol, Igpit, and Lower Iponan that were formerly part of Cagayan de Oro City, by virtue of Republic Act No. 524 that was approved June 15, 1950. Opol is currently a 4th class municipality in the province and has a population of 47,187 people (2007 Philippine Census).

The municipality is slowly becoming more urbanized with its local population growth and the rapid progress of nearby Cagayan de Oro City. Historically, Opol was largely a rural area focused on agriculture and fishing. The development of residential suburbs and jobs in the tourism, hospitality, light industry and services sectors have contributed to the town's growth in recent years.

Opol has tourism spot potentials such as the Philippine Ostrich and Crocodile Farm that is open to the public for supervised tours; the Opol Aviary and Mini Zoo that features native birds and animals; and beach resorts for all types of gatherings and functions.

Declaring the Araw ng Opol as a special non-working holiday will further encourage the people contribute more in the over-all effort to improve the town. Declaring this holiday is a simple way for government to honor the generations of Opolanons who continue to make their town proud and progressive.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

Approved,


HON. JULIETTE T. UY
2nd District, Misamis Oriental



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DECLARING JUNE 15 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OPOL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS
ORIENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE
KNOWN AS "ARAW NG OPOL"

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

SECTION 1. June 15 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Opol, Province of Misamis Oriental in commemoration of its founding anniversary to be known as "Araw ng Opol".

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,