

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3341**



Introduced by Honorable Antonio F. Lagdameo, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

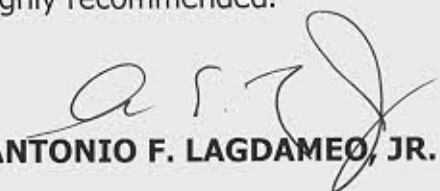
This bill seeks to declare March 31 of every year as a special non-working public holiday in the City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte.

Then mere baranggay of Magugpo, now known as Tagum City, Panabo became a municipality on July 19, 1949 through Presidential Proclamation No. 236 issued by the late President Elpidio R. Quirino. Panabo was converted into a component city by virtue of Republic Act No. 9015 which was ratified by the residents in a plebiscite held for the purpose on March 31, 2001.

To allow the people of Panabo City to celebrate this historic event of their cityhood with appropriate ceremonies and activities that will promote brotherhood and camaraderie among the fellow residents, this bill seeks to declare March 31 of every year as a special non-working holiday.

The celebration will not only serve as an opportunity to boost Panabo's agricultural and industrial products and help its local government realize its vision of becoming an agro-industrial gateway but also to entrench the growing recognition of Panabo City as the banana capital of Davao del Norte, and prove its claim as home to the finest *bangus* in Mindanao. It will also be a felicitous occasion to display the innate ability of the people of Panabo City in music, arts, athletics and their significant contributions to Panabo's development and rich culture.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
DECLARING MARCH 31 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL
NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS "PANABO CITY DAY"

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

SECTION 1. March 31 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working public holiday in the City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte, to be known as "Panabo City Day."

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,