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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

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House Bill No. **5061**



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Introduced by Representative Lawrence Lemuel H. Fortun

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**Explanatory Note**

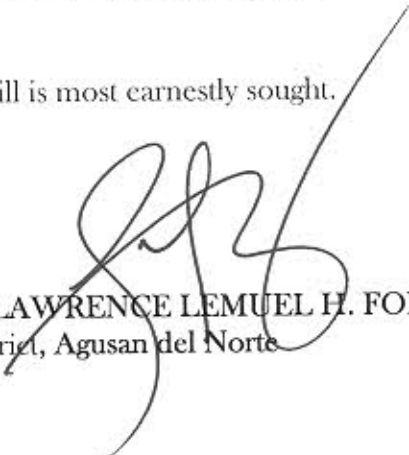
This bill seeks to designate the 2nd day of August as the Butuan City Charter Day and as a special non-working holiday in the City of Butuan. Butuan became a political entity in 1907 through the enactment of Act No. 1693 and a city by virtue of Republic Act No. 523, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Butuan, which was signed into law on August 2, 1950. Since then, the people of Butuan have referred to the 2nd day of August as the "Adlaw Hong Butuan," or the Day of Butuan, which they commemorate every year in remembrance of its cityhood, its rich history and great achievements, and the significant contributions of its people.

Butuan City is blessed with rich cultural heritage. It has over 1,600 years of recorded history. It is known to be the Home of the Balangays, the ancient boats utilized by our ancestors in traversing Asia in the pre-colonial times, the oldest of which was carbon-dated 320 A.D.. It is likewise host to the Bequibel Shell Midden that is proof to civilized human existence in the area as early as the Neolithic Age. Thus, its people proudly lay claim to a declaration of their old folks, "in the beginning there was no Philippines, but there was Butuan."

Butuan is one of the most progressive cities in Mindanao. It is highly urbanized city, classified first class, and designated as the regional center of the Caraga Region.

In recognition of this ancient city and the women and men who have contributed to its progress and development that should serve as inspiration and example to our people, this bill seeks the declaration of August 2 of every year as the Butuan City Charter Day, to be known as the Adlaw Hong Butuan, which shall be a special non-working holiday in the city.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT  
DECLARING AUGUST 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS BUTUAN CITY CHARTER DAY AND A  
SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ADLAW  
HONG BUTUAN

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

**SECTION 1.** To commemorate the founding anniversary of Butuan City, August 2 of every year is hereby declared as Butuan City Charter Day and a special non-working holiday in the city, to be known as the "Adlaw Hong Butuan."

In the event that the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday shall be observed on the following Monday.

**SECTION 2.** All laws, orders, presidential issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,