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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

First Regular Session
NINETEENTH CONGRESS

House Bill No. 625



Introduced by Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Compostela Valley Province was created out of the Province of Davao del Norte by virtue of Republic Act No. 8470 which was enacted into law on January 30, 1998. This was overwhelmingly ratified by the populace who wanted to chart their destiny as an independent political subdivision during the plebiscite conducted on March 8 of the same year. The political subdivision was later renamed as Davao de Oro through RA 11297 which was likewise overwhelmingly ratified in a subsequent plebiscite.

Every year since its creation, the province celebrates March 8 as its Foundation Day. It has always been a significant date not only in commemorating the humble beginnings of the province, but more so because the fateful day affords its political leadership and residents the chance to rededicate themselves to Davao de Oro's well-being and development. The same coincides with the weeklong Bulawan Festival which showcases the rich natural and human resources, history and heritage of the residents.

This proposal seeks to declare March 8 of every year as a special non-working day in Davao de Oro Province in order to give its citizens the chance to organize and stage appropriate ceremonies in honor of their foundation day.

Approval of the bill is respectfully sought.

MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA



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15 **AN ACT**
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17 **HOLIDAY IN DAVAO DE ORO PROVINCE**
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19 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
20 *assembled:*

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22 SECTION 1. March 8 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday
23 in Davao de Oro Province.

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25 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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27 Approved,
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