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HOUSE BILL NO. 3698

INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN STEVE CHIONGBIAN SOLON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7228, "An Act Creating the Province of Sarangani," authored by the late Congressman James L. Chiongbian was signed by President Corazon C. Aquino on March 6, 1992 and ratified in a plebiscite on May 19, 1992.

Sarangani, as a separate province from the former third congressional district of South Cotabato, installed its first set of officials on November 28, 1992.

Section 14 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA No. 7160) enjoins that the beginning of the corporate existence of a new local government unit shall commence upon the election and qualification of its chief executive and a majority of the members of its sanggunian.

It is but fitting and proper that the people of Sarangani called "Sarangans" must be given the full opportunity to celebrate and participate in the provincial occasion highlighting the MunaTo Festival (from two Lumad words "muna" and "to" meaning "First People").

The MunaTo Festival fully embraces and reminds the Sarangans of their one provincial identity having rich history and culture as one of the First Peoples in the Philippines and even in Southeast Asia as evidenced by the discovered artifacts in Maitum, Sarangani Province called anthropomorphic burial jars displayed at the National Museum, proved settlements of pre-historic civilization.

This bill, therefore, seeks to designate November 28 of each year as special non-working holiday in the entire Province of Sarangani as a way of giving more meaningful observance of the special day of the province.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Chiongbian Solon".

STEVE CHIONGBIAN SOLON
Representative
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AN ACT
DECLARING NOVEMBER 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SARANGANI IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS
FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY

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

SECTION 1. November 28 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Province of Sarangani in commemoration of its foundation anniversary.

SECTION 2. The people of Sarangani shall be given the full opportunity to celebrate and participate in the provincial occasion.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper/s of general circulation.

Approved,