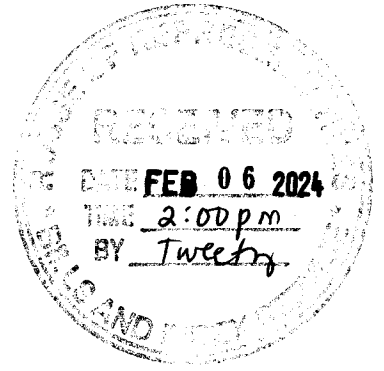




Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS  
Second Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL No. 9882**



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Introduced by: **HON. CARL NICOLAS C. CARI**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This proposed legislation would designate June 16 of each year as "*Araw ng Baybay*", a special non-working holiday in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte.

The intention behind this legislative endeavor is firmly grounded in the historical development of the Municipality of Baybay leading up to its status as a city. This transition was officially completed on March 15, 2007, with the passage of Republic Act No. 9389, which was ratified on June 16, 2007, by a majority vote in favor. This date signifies the commencement of noteworthy prospects, advancements, and growth for the municipality of Baybay.

"Araw ng Baybay" is observed in accordance with the provisions of Section 15, Article XIV of the Constitution of 1987. The State is obligated to preserve, promote, and disseminate the nation's historical and cultural heritage, resources, and artistic works, as stated in this constitutional clause.

House Bill No. 8066, which was introduced by the Honorable Jose Carlos L. Cari during the 17th Congress, is noteworthy for its legislative objective to recognize and commemorate the Charter Day of the City of Baybay. Expanding on the foundation established by House Bill 8066, the current legislation reaffirms the dedication to institutionalize June 16 as a designated special non-working holiday.

Aligned with the previously mentioned constitutional concept, the legislative proposal herein aims to formally designate June 16th of each year as a unique non-working holiday in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, to honor its Charter Day. This endeavor exemplifies the overarching national strategy of acknowledging and safeguarding the historical importance and cultural legacy of municipalities throughout the Philippines.

By establishing a designated special non-working holiday on June 16, the law under consideration aims to serve as a symbol of the Baybayanons' collective identity and pride. The approval of this legislation is expected to facilitate the strengthening of their solidarity and the cultivation of a collective dedication to observing the City's Charter Day. This, in turn, will contribute to the overarching goal of fostering a deep admiration for the historical and cultural legacy that enhances the Filipino people.

Considering the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF  
LEYTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY**

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

**ARTICLE 1  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1.** June 16 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, in commemoration of its charter 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,**