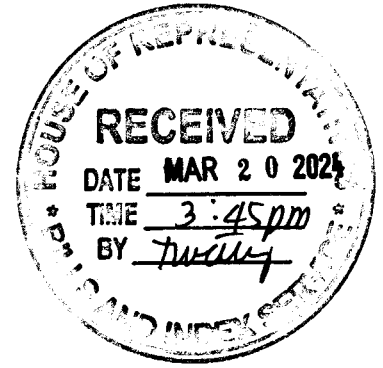




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HOUSE BILL NO. 10203

Introduced by **Representative FRANCISCO JOSE "BINGO" F. MATUGAS II**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of General Luna in Surigao del Norte is home to Cloud 9 – dubbed as the Top 8 among the World's Best Surfing Spots by CNNGo (a travel site of CNN International). For the last 27 years, it has been the venue for the world-renowned Siargao International Cup which draws surfers from various parts of the globe.

While General Luna is famous for surfing, this municipality also has a rich history as to its name's origin. The municipality was known as Cabuntog in ancient times. One of the legends associated to this name is the legend of a huge bell in the local church that can be heard as far as mainland Mindanao when it rang. This allegedly summoned raiders to its shores. To protect itself, Cabuntog decide to get rid of the bell. They dumped the same in the Campujong River. Dumping is "Buntog" in the local dialect. Thus, the name Cabuntog.¹

The Municipality of Cabuntog was organized as a Spanish *pueblo* in 1862. On May 15, 1901, by virtue of Act No. 127, the Province of Surigao was created. On October 22, 1903, through Act No. 953, the Municipality of Cabuntog was included in the 29 municipalities of the Province of Surigao. On October 5, 1904, through Act No. 1241, the municipality was annexed to the Municipality of Dapa.

On June 22, 1929, the Municipality of Cabuntog was separated from the Municipality of Dapa and became an independent municipality effective August 1, 1929 by virtue of Executive Order No. 180. On November 25, 1929, through Act No. 3557, it was renamed as General Luna. Thus, it is only right to celebrate the municipality's founding anniversary on August 1 of every year.

¹ <https://generalluna.gov.ph/brief-history>

The celebration of the municipality's founding anniversary fosters pride in the community and allows its residents to reflect on its history. It also serves as an opportunity for the municipality to showcase its heritage. It is hoped that the celebration of General Luna's Founding Anniversary will boost tourism in the area.

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



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AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL LUNA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS "ADLAW NAN GENERAL LUNA," IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

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

1 SECTION 1. August 1 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday
2 in the Municipality of General Luna, Province of Surigao del Norte, to be known as
3 "Adlaw nan Heneral Luna", in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

4 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
5 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,