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HOUSE BILL NO. 1049

Introduced by **Representative DE CARLO "OYO" L. UY**

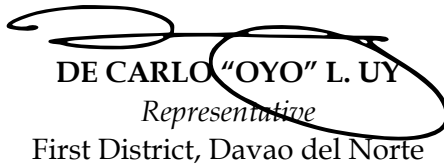
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to designate March 7 of every year as "Araw ng Tagum," a special non-working holiday to commemorate the founding anniversary of the city.

From its beginnings as the riverside settlement of Magugpo to its designation as the capital of Davao del Norte and eventual cityhood on March 7, 1998, Tagum has undergone steady and resilient development. The ratification of Republic Act No. 8472 marked a pivotal moment, laying the foundation for its emergence as a vibrant hub in the region.

While Republic Act No. 9193 currently designates March 7 as a special working holiday, it is both timely and appropriate to elevate this observance to a non-working holiday to allow Tagumeños full participation in the annual celebration of their cityhood. Aligning this with common practice in similarly situated cities underscores its importance in local identity and history.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 7 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF TAGUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 9193, ENTITLED “AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 7 OF EVERY YEAR A
SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO
DEL NORTE”**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9193 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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3 “Section 1. It is hereby declared that March 7 of every year be a special **non-working**
4 public holiday in the City of Tagum to enable its residents to fittingly commemorate
5 and celebrate its foundation day. **If the day falls on a school day, classes at all levels**
6 **in all schools in Tagum City shall be suspended.**”
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8 **SECTION 2.** Section 2 of the same Act is hereby repealed.
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10 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
11 Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.
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14 *Approved,*