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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

HOUSE BILL NO. 2939

Introduced by Honorable Celso G. Regencia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Iligan, known as "*The Industrial Center of the South*" and the "*City of Majestic Waterfalls*," holds a rich history that merits both recognition and celebration.

On June 16, 1950, exactly seventy-five years ago as of this year of filing this proposed measure, Iligan officially became a chartered city through Republic Act No. 525, signed into law by then President Elpidio Quirino in Malacañang. This historic moment was witnessed by key leaders, including Speaker Eugenio Perez, Congressman Ali Dimaporo (who sponsored the bill), Dansalan Mayor Bato Ali, Iligan's first City Mayor Benito S. Ong, and Senator Tomas Ll. Cabili. Their collective efforts laid the foundation for Iligan's growth into the thriving, highly urbanized city it is today.

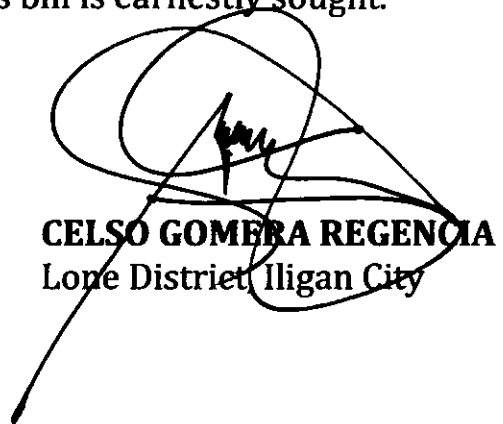
To honor this milestone, on this year's 75th Charter Day Celebration, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. issued Proclamation No. 912, declaring June 16, 2025, a special non-working day in Iligan City. Nevertheless, this recognition must extend beyond a single year. The people of Iligan deserves a lasting annual celebration that honors their city's rich legacy, unique identity, and continued progress.

Declaring June 16 as "*Adlaw Sa Iligan*," a yearly special non-working holiday in Iligan, will allow residents to commemorate Iligan's Charter Day with pride. It will serve as a reminder of the city's journey, from its early days as a Higaonon and Maranao settlement to its emergence as an industrial and cultural hub in Northern Mindanao. More than a celebration, this annual

holiday will foster unity, boost local tourism, and encourage reflection on Iligan's contributions to the nation.

Given Iligan's historical significance and the enduring spirit of its people, this bill seeks to enshrine "***Adlaw Sa Iligan***" as a permanent tribute to the city's past, present, and future. The immediate passage of this measure will ensure that future generations remember and celebrate the vision of those who shaped Iligan into the dynamic city it is today.

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



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IN THE CITY OF ILIGAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY
ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "ADLAW SA ILIGAN"

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

SECTION 1. June 16 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the City of Iligan, in commemoration of its charter day anniversary, to be known as "*Adlaw sa Iligan.*"

SECTION 2. The City Government of Iligan shall lead appropriate activities to commemorate "*Adlaw sa Iligan*" every year, in coordination with local and national agencies as necessary.

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

Approved,