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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **9591**



Introduced by Representative LEONEL "JHONG" D. CENIZA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The **Municipality of Pantukan** is deeply woven into the historical and institutional development of what is now the Province of Davao de Oro. Among the earliest organized local government units in the area, Pantukan traces its administrative roots to as early as 1914 during the American colonial period, when it was recognized as a municipal district within the then undivided Province of Davao. **This early recognition established Pantukan as an important center of local governance and community development in the region.**

Pantukan's historical legacy and enduring role in regional development were further affirmed through Executive Order No. 64, issued by President Manuel L. Quezon on November 13, 1936, which elevated Pantukan from a municipal district into an independent municipality. Today, it is recognized as a vibrant coastal municipality whose people contribute significantly to the province's agricultural, fisheries, mining, tourism, and economic development. The municipality's growth and progress stand as a testament to the resilience, industry, and collective efforts of generations of its people who have helped shape its history and identity.

Recognizing November 13 of every year as "**Araw ng Pantukan**" and a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pantukan is a fitting tribute to the municipality's rich history, enduring legacy, and invaluable contributions to the development of the Province of Davao de Oro. It will enable the people of Pantukan to meaningfully commemorate their founding anniversary, honor their shared heritage, recognize the contributions of past and present generations, and strengthen community pride and solidarity among present and future generations.

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


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AN ACT

DECLARING NOVEMBER 13 OF EVERY YEAR AS "ARAW NG PANTUKAN" AND A
SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANTUKAN,
PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY

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

SECTION 1. November 13 of every year is hereby declared as "*Araw ng Pantukan*" and a
special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Pantukan, Province of Davao de Oro, in
commemoration of its founding anniversary.

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.