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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9592

Introduced by Representative LEONEL "JHONG" D. CENIZA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The **Municipality of Nabunturan** occupies a central place in the history and development of the Province of Davao de Oro. It attained its separate political and corporate existence through **Republic Act No. 2038**, which divided the former Municipality of Compostela and created the Municipality of Nabunturan. Although the measure was enacted on June 23, 1957, the law expressly provided for its effectivity thirty (30) days thereafter, **resulting in the formal establishment of Nabunturan as an independent municipality on July 23, 1957.**

Over the years, **Nabunturan evolved into a vital center of public administration, trade, and economic activity in the province.** Its strategic importance in regional governance was further affirmed through Republic Act No. 8470, which created the Province of Compostela Valley in 1998 and expressly designated the Municipality of Nabunturan as the seat of government of the newly created province. **Today, as the capital town of the Province of Davao de Oro, Nabunturan continues to serve as the center of provincial governance and remains a key driver of economic, social, and institutional development in the province.**

Recognizing **July 23 of every year as "Araw ng Nabunturan" and a special non-working holiday** in the Municipality of Nabunturan 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 Nabunturan 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

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SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NABUNTURAN,
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. July 23 of every year is hereby declared as "*Araw ng Nabunturan*" and a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Nabunturan, 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.