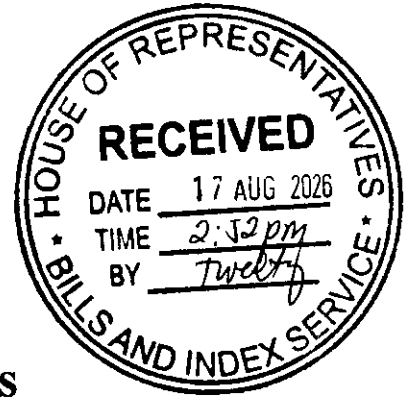




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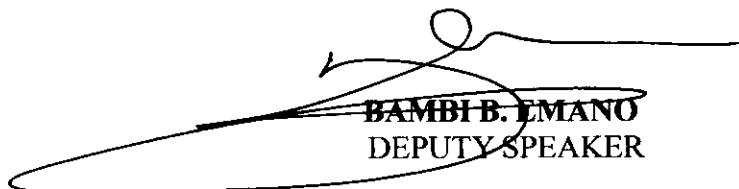
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Naawan, Province of Misamis Oriental, celebrates the Wahig Festival every second week of May. The festival is a water festival with the theme of celebrating the bounties and life given by the waters of the municipality. "Wahig" is coined from the Higaonon term for "water," reflecting the municipality's cultural heritage and close relationship with its abundant water resources.

The celebration serves as a venue to promote environmental appreciation, preserve the municipality's cultural traditions, and recognize the importance of its rivers, seas, and other water resources in sustaining the lives and livelihood of its people. It likewise strengthens community solidarity and promotes local tourism through activities that showcase the unique identity of Naawan.

Declaring every second week of May as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Naawan will enable residents and visitors to fully participate in the festivities, foster civic pride, and further promote the municipality's historical, cultural, and environmental heritage.

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


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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "**Wahig Festival Act.**"

SECTION 2. The Wahig Festival is hereby declared as the official festival of the Municipality of Naawan, Province of Misamis Oriental. The festival is a water festival with the theme of celebrating the bounties and life given by the waters of the municipality.

SECTION 3. The second week of May of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Naawan in celebration of the Wahig Festival.

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

Approved,