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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 287

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on May 13, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 685

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Florencio T. Miraflores and Maria Carmen S. Zamora

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred **House Bill No. 685**, introduced by Representative Maria Carmen S. Zamora, entitled:

**“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO”**

has considered the same and recommends its approval with the following amendments:

1. On line 2, after “Davao de Oro”, insert a comma and the phrase “in commemoration of its founding anniversary, to honor its establishment and celebrate its progress and achievements”; and
2. On line 6, insert a new Section 2 to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DE ORO SHALL ENSURE THE MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY THROUGH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS, TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF ITS HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.”

3. On line 12, renumber Section 2 as Section 3.

with Representatives Maria Carmen S. Zamora and Florencio T. Miraflores as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


FLORENCIO T. MIRAFLORES
Chairperson
Committee on Local Government

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 685

Introduced by **Representative MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA, MNSA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Compostela Valley Province was created out of the Province of Davao del Norte by virtue of Republic Act No. 8470, which was enacted into law on January 30, 1998. This was overwhelmingly ratified by the populace, who wanted to chart their destiny as an independent political subdivision during the plebiscite conducted on March 8 of the same year. The political subdivision was later renamed as Province of Davao de Oro through RA 11297, which was likewise overwhelmingly ratified in a subsequent plebiscite.

Every year since its creation, Davao de Oro celebrates March 8 as its Foundation Day. It has always been a significant date not only in commemorating the humble beginnings of the province, but more so because this special day affords its political leadership and residents the chance to rededicate themselves to Davao de Oro's well-being and development. The same coincides with the weeklong Bulawan Festival, which showcases the rich natural and human resources, history, and heritage of the residents.

This proposal seeks to declare March 8 of every year as a special non-working day in the Province of Davao de Oro in order to give its citizens the chance to organize and stage appropriate ceremonies in honor of their foundation day.

Approval of the bill is respectfully sought.

MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA, MNSA
Representative
First District, Davao De Oro



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AN ACT
DECLARING MARCH 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY
IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO

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

1 **SECTION 1.** March 8 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in
2 the Province of Davao de Oro.

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4 **SECTION 2.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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6 *Approved,*



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

1 **SECTION 1.** March 8 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working
2 holiday in the Province of Davao de Oro, **IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING**
3 **ANNIVERSARY, TO HONOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND CELEBRATE ITS**
4 **PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS.**

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6 **SEC. 2. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DE ORO SHALL**
7 **ENSURE THE MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY THROUGH**
8 **APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, IN COORDINATION WITH**
9 **RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS, TO PROMOTE**
10 **AWARENESS OF ITS HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.**

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12 **SEC. [2] 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
13 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,