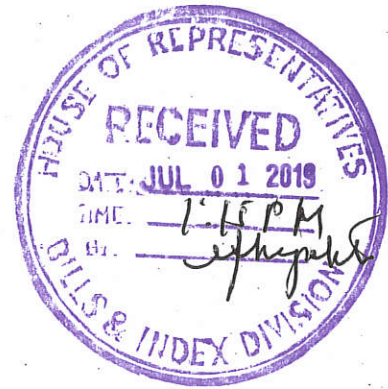


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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.

Every year since then, the province 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 the fateful day affords its political leadership and residents the chance to rededicate themselves to Compostela Valley'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 Comvaleños.

This proposal seeks to declare March 8 of every year as a special non-working day in Compostela Valley Province 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.

  
MANUEL "WAY KURAT" E. ZAMORA

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HOLIDAY IN COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE**

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

SECTION 1. March 8 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in Compostela Valley Province.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,