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**SENATE**

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Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING AUGUST 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING**  
**HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS "SAMAR DAY",**  
**IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Samar Island used to be under the jurisdiction of Cebu. In 1735, Samar, together with Leyte, was separated from Cebu and declared into a separate province with Carigara, with Leyte as the capital. Consequently, during the Spanish-American colonial period, Samar was ultimately separated as a province from Leyte.

August 11 marks the celebration of Samar's Foundation Day. The same is considered to be a very historic day in the Province of Samar because it was when Queen Isabella II of Spain, through a Royal Decree in 1841, declared Samar as an independent province. Since then, the Province of Samar celebrated not only the memorial of its founding day but also its culture and travel destinations. The provincial government has also used its foundation day as opportunity to present its offerings to both tourists and investors to stimulate its local economy.

This bill seeks to declare August 11 of every year a special non-working holiday in the Province of Samar to commemorate its Foundation Day and to enable its residents and local officials to be given full opportunity to participate in the festivities and ceremonies prepared by the local government.

In view of the foregoing, early 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. Short Title.** — This Act shall be known as the "Adlaw Han Samar  
Act".

**SECTION 2. Adlaw Han Samar.** — In recognition of its importance to our  
nation's history and the city's contribution to nation building and national  
development, the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) day of August of every year is hereby declared a  
special non-working holiday in the Province of Samar to be known as the "Adlaw Han  
Samar".

**SECTION 3. Inter-agency and Multi-sectoral Effort.** — The Local Government  
of the Province of Samar shall serve as the lead agency in the preparation and  
implementation of the annual program of activities for the observance of the annual  
Adlaw Han Samar.

To ensure the meaningful observance and celebration of this day, the local  
counterparts of national government agencies, public schools, state universities and  
colleges, and employers in the private sector, are encouraged to allow their respective

1 personnel and constituents to participate in any related activity to be held within the  
2 premises of their respective offices or establishments.

3 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** — In the event that any part, section or  
4 provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court,  
5 the remaining provisions thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect as if  
6 the sections or provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated herein.

7 **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*** — All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
8 issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of  
9 this Act are hereby repealed or modified and/or superseded as case may be by this  
10 Act accordingly.

11 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
12 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
13 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

14 *Approved,*