

# REPUBLIC ACT 7685

AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF DAVAO, TO BE KNOWN AS “**ARAW NG DABAW**”

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

**SECTION 1.** The City of Davao was created by virtue of Commonwealth Act No. 51 which took effect on March 16, 1936.

**SECTION 2.** March 16 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the City of Davao, to be known as “**Araw ng Dabaw**”.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**EDGARDO J. ANGARA** (signed)  
President of the Senate

**JOSE DE VENECIA, JR.** (signed)  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed in the House of Representatives and the Senate on October 8, 1993 and November 25, 1993, respectively.

**EDGARDO E. TUIMANGAN** (signed)  
Secretary of the Senate

**CAMILO L. SARIO**  
Secretary General  
House of Representatives

Approved: February 23, 1994

**FIDEL V. RAMOS** (signed)  
President of the Philippines