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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1637**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Last January 6, 2014, the City Council of Toledo City adopted their first City Resolution for this year. Resolution No. 2014-001 conveyed their request to their representative in the Philippine Congress to file a legislative measure to declare their Charter Day as a Special Non-Working Holiday.

Toledo was originally known as "Hinulawan" which derived its name from the Hinulawan River running across the municipality. It was renamed Toledo, during its establishment as a new town, borrowing the name from a province of Spain. One of the earliest recorded history of Toledo, the "Estadismo" of Fr. Joaquin de Zuniga, reported that Toledo already had a settled community of a little over 500 inhabitants as early as the 1800s.

When the first Philippine Republic was formed under President Emilio Aguinaldo, Toledo was converted into a district of Cebu Province and governed by a "Junta Popular". Following the colonization of the archipelago (1896-1946), Toledo became a full-fledged municipality when Governor Francis Burton Harrison signed Act. No. 119 on December 19, 1919.

Toledo saw a few changes during the first 40 years of its independence as a municipality. Economic growth came to Toledo in the 1950s after the

Atlas Consolidated Mining and Development Corporation (ACMDC), one of the biggest copper mines in the world, started the development of a large porphyry copper ore plant in Barrio Don Andres Soriano, located nearly sixteen kilometers from the town's poblacion.

On June 19, 1960, Toledo became a chartered city under Republic Act No. 2688. Since then, it has been a long-standing tradition in Toledo City to celebrate its Charter Day with merriment, meaning, and significance to provide its hardworking residents the time to reminisce their city's founding day and to boost their camaraderie as a community of peace-loving citizens. This bill seeks to designate January 6 of every year as a Special Non-Working Holiday to benefit the people of the City of Toledo, Province of Cebu.

The approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING JANUARY 6 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING**  
**HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF TOLEDO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN CELEBRATION OF ITS**  
**CHARTER DAY**

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

**SECTION 1.** January 6 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the City of Toledo, Province of Cebu to celebrate its Charter Day. In the event that the charter day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday that follows.

**SECTION 2.** All laws, orders, presidential issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

**Approved.**