

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9093, April 08, 2001 ]**

**AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS A WORKING SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN AND THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BLOOD COMPACT DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Spanish Captain-General Miguel Lopez de Legazpi and Boholano Chieftain, Datu Sikatuna entered into a blood compact, the first treaty of friendship and alliance between Spaniards and Filipinos on March 16, 1565 in Barangay Bool, City of Tagbilaran.

SEC. 2. To perpetuate the historic event, March 16 of every year is hereby declared as a working special public holiday for the City of Tagbilaran and the Province of Bohol to be known as the Blood Compact Day.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

**(Sgd.) AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.**

*President of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) FELICIANO BELMONTE, JR.**

*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on February 6, 2001 and October 2, 2000, respectively.

**(Sgd.) LUTGARDO B. BARBO**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO**  
*Secretary General House of Representatives*

Approved: APR 08, 2001

**(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**  
*President of the Philippines*



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