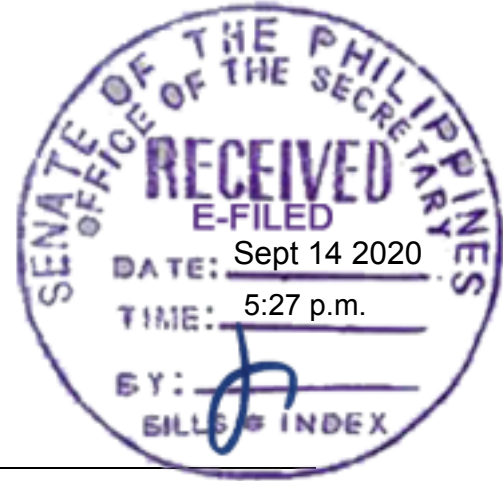


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SENATE
P. S. Res No. 524

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN COMMEMORATING THE 40TH WORLD TOURISM DAY ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

1 WHEREAS, in 1980, the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
2 instituted September 27 of each year as World Tourism Day in recognition of the
3 many significant contributions of the tourism sector. This date was chosen to
4 coincide with the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the UNWTO Statutes on
5 September 27, 1970, an important milestone in world tourism;

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7 WHEREAS, the World Tourism Day is the global observance day fostering
8 awareness of tourism’s social, cultural, political and economic value as well as the
9 contribution the sector can make in reaching the sustainable development goals;

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11 WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 40th anniversary of the first World
12 Tourism Day and UNWTO has designated 2020 as the Year of Tourism and Rural
13 Development;

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15 WHEREAS, according to the UNWTO, “Tourism and Rural Development” is
16 more relevant than ever as the global tourism sector faces up to the COVID-19
17 pandemic. Tourism in rural areas offers important opportunities for recovery, making
18 supporting rural communities facing the economic and social impacts of the
19 pandemic critical;

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21 WHEREAS, according to the United Nations, the COVID-19 pandemic
22 represents an opportunity to rethink the future of the tourism sector, including how
23 it contributes to the sustainable development goals, through its social, cultural,
24 political, and economic value. Tourism can eventually help us move beyond the
25 pandemic, by bringing people together and promoting solidarity and trust - crucial
26 ingredients in advancing the global cooperation so urgently needed at this time;


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28 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Tourism, it has been engaging
29 with the local governments, other national government agencies, and local tourism

1 stakeholders for the gradual reopening of the tourism sector while underscoring the
2 strict compliance of health and safety protocols;

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4 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines joins the global community in
5 commemorating the World Tourism Day as it reflects on rebuilding a safer, more
6 sustainable and inclusive tourism sector;

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8 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate to express its
9 sense in joining the community of member states of the United Nations in
10 commemorating the 40th World Tourism Day on September 27, 2020.

Adopted,



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