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Introduced by SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE "CULINARY CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is with immense pride for all Filipinos that the Philippines is known worldwide as a tourist destination, from cultural explorations to culinary adventures. Our country is home to talented and friendly folks who make delectable cuisines and delicacies that people around the globe love. And, we all know that food plays a lot of role in our lives.

Pampanga, a province in Central Luzon or Region III, is a well-known and loved province by Filipinos since it is home of the best Filipino cuisines. It is known for loved dishes such as sisig, tocino, biringhe bulanglangkapampangan, morcon Kapampangan, buro, and tibok-tibok among others. The passion of the Kapampangans for cooking can be traced back to when the Spaniards colonized the Philippines. Spaniards taught Kapampangans how to cook. The skills that Kapampangans learned were then passed, from generation to generation.

At present, Pampanga is known as the Culinary Capital of the Philippines because most of the best Filipino cuisines originate there. Thus, this bill seeks to declare the Province of Pampanga as the Culinary Capital of the Philippines.

Given the abovementioned, the approval 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:

1 SECTION 1. The Province of Pampanga is hereby declared as the "Culinary 2 Capital of the Philippines" in recognition of its contribution to the dynamic and rich 3 culinary history of the country.

4 Sec. 2. The Department of Tourism (DOT) shall feature and promote the 5 Province of Pampanga as the "Culinary Capital of the Philippines" in all its regional 6 and national promotion programs.

Sec. 3. All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
amended accordingly.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,