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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Culinary tradition is an essential part of the Philippines' cultural heritage. Food serves not only as a unifying element among Filipinos but also as a significant component of our nation's identity and economic landscape. From the sourcing and distributing of ingredients to the dynamic food industry, the culinary sector plays a significant role in the country's economy and cultural narrative.

Pampanga, located in the Central Luzon region, is a prominent culinary destination known for its exceptional and dynamic food culture. The province is known for culinary excellence, with iconic dishes such as sisig, tocino, kare-kare, morcon, kaldereta, buro, and tibok-tibok at the heart of its gastronomic identity. Their culinary story began with the Spanish colonial rule, where local cooks adapted and enriched traditional recipes. From here, they created unique and beloved cuisines.

Kapampangan chefs prepared meals for significant historical events, including the Malolos Congress in 1898 and the 30th Southeast Asian Games in 2019. Pampanga's long-standing role in shaping Filipino cuisine is not just highlighted in the historical events. The passion for food in Pampanga exists from professional kitchens to every household where cooking is a cherished aspect of daily life.

Designating Pampanga as the Culinary Capital of the Philippines would enhance its role as a gastronomic hub, benefiting both the local and national economy. Such recognition would support the livelihood of locals, and attract food enthusiasts and tourists, contributing to the province and the country's economic growth. This designation would also set a benchmark for Filipino cuisine.

Given the aforementioned above, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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Be it enacted by the Senate and 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 rich culinary history
3 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 and
6 national promotion programs, campaigns, and materials. The DOT shall also consult
7 with local stakeholders in the development of its programs.

8 Sec. 3. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), in
9 collaboration with the DOT, shall develop and implement programs to further celebrate
10 and preserve Pampanga's culinary traditions.

11 Sec. 4. All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
12 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
13 amended accordingly.

1 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion
2 of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation
3 in the Philippines.

Approved,