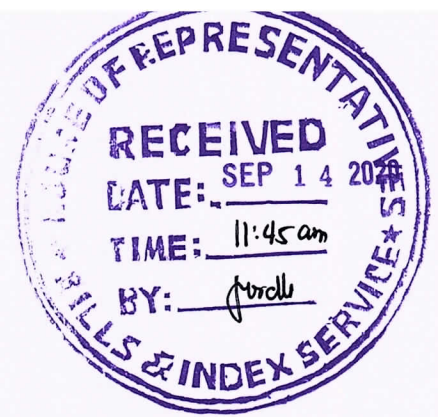


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

San Jose is a First Class Municipality in the Province of Batangas. It is aptly called the “Egg Basket of the Philippines”, generating about 7 million eggs per day. The layer industry in San Jose goes back as far as the late 1940s when the census data noted a total of 7,038 layers. In the 1960s, egg production became a backyard industry. In 1980, the census data reached close to a million eggs per week. There has also been expansion as productivity in layer farming increases with the improvement of chicken feed formulation and further collaboration of egg producers to establish feed milling facilities.

According to Philippine Statistics Authority, the total chicken egg production from January to March 2020 is estimated at 150.29 thousand metric tons. Among regions, CALABARZON was the highest producer of chicken egg during the quarter with 45.09 thousand metric tons. This was followed by Central Luzon and Central Visayas with corresponding productions of 29.79 thousand metric tons and 13.56 thousand metric tons. These three regions contributed 58.8 percent to the country’s total chicken egg production.¹

Batangas Egg Producers Association (BAEPA) recently cited that Batangas has an estimate of 30 million daily chicken egg production with San Jose, Batangas as its forefront municipality with declared layers population of 12,543,066 and more than 705 metric tons chicken egg production on a daily basis. The town has 342 registered independent poultry farms as of June 2020.

In honor of San Jose’s booming egg industry, the town launched the country’s first “World Egg Day” celebration on October 18, 2018. The fiesta atmosphere also featured the municipality’s delicacy called “Sinuan,” a soup made with sautéed garlic, onion, a dash of salt, and an egg that is dropped in while the soup stock is boiling. The Sinuan Festival has been organized in recent years by the Philippine Egg Board and the Batangas Egg Producers Association.

On World Egg Day in 2016, the Municipality of San Jose also tried to set a Guinness record for the longest line of fresh chicken eggs in trays. Egg producers lined around 6,000

¹ <http://www.psa.gov.ph/content/chicken-egg-situation-report-january-march-2020>

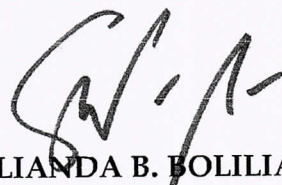
eggs in egg trays with 30 pieces of eggs per tray. This was placed along a 2-kilometer stretch of the municipality's main thoroughfare, Macalintal Avenue.

On August 28, 2020, Agriculture Secretary William Dar signed an executive order declaring San Jose as the "Egg Processing Capital of the Philippines." This was during his tour of the egg processing facility, managed by the Batangas Egg Producers Cooperative (BEPKO), which showcases the benefits of farm consolidation and industrialization by value-adding, processing, manufacturing, and developing markets for their poultry products.²

San Jose's poultry production continues to provide higher incomes for farm owners, generate thousands of direct and indirect jobs, bring revenues to the local government, and produce a staple food for the country. As the town's egg industry continues to modernize, its significant contribution to food security of the country cannot be ignored.

Thus, by declaring the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Batangas, as the "Egg Basket of the Philippines", we are recognizing the achievement and the industriousness of San Jose and its people.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment and approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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² <https://www.da.gov.ph/phs-egg-processing-capital-demonstrates-innovation-in-the-value-chain-approach/>

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE IN THE PROVINCE OF
BATANGAS, AS THE "EGG BASKET OF THE PHILIPPINES"

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

1 **SECTION. 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the "Egg Basket Act".

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3 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - The Municipality of San Jose in the Province of
4 Batangas is hereby declared as the "Egg Basket of the Philippines" in recognition of
5 the economic significance of its egg industry in both local and national levels.

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7 **SECTION 3. *Implementation.*** - The Department of Agriculture shall issue the
8 necessary and appropriate orders and circulars to implement the provision of this
9 Act.

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11 **SECTION 4. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
12 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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14 Approved,