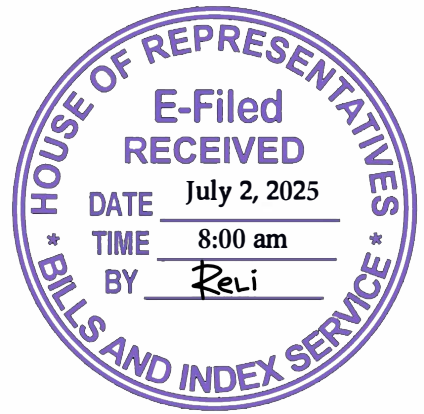


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1057



Introduced by Representative Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

**AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE "CULINARY
HEARTLAND OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

Pampanga is, without a doubt, rich in history. However, if there is one thing that truly embodies the spirit of Pampanga, it is its formidable culinary heritage.

In Pampanga, love for food permeates not just restaurants, but every corner of every home. For Kapampangans, cooking and eating will always be a family affair. Thus, it is no wonder that many well-known Kapampangan restaurants all started at home.

Kapampangans are also resourceful and creative when it comes to cooking. Mole crickets magically turn into haute cuisine as adobung camaru, frogs as betute and tinolang tugak. A pig's brain becomes bistig utak, its ears sisig matua, its cheeks tokwa't babi, its skin pititian, its hooves and knuckles paksing pata, its tail kari-kari, its lungs pulutuk, its heart, liver and kidneys kilayin, and the rest of its entrails tidtad and paksing iso. Truly, give a Kapampangan anything edible and he can turn it into the most delicious meal on the table.

With Pampanga's centuries-old culinary history, it is no surprise that the country and the whole world are enamored. The New York Times has called sisig "arguably the greatest pork dish on earth." For Anthony Bourdain, sisig "is everything I love about food." Conde Nast has described Kapampangan cuisine as "the most exciting and consistent," and listed Pampanga as one of the Top 13 Unsung Food Destinations of the World—the only place in the Philippines to make the list.

Considering the foregoing, it is now the most opportune time to recognize Pampanga as the Culinary Heartland of the Philippines. This will further boost the province's thriving culinary tourism industry, which, in return, will also provide a livelihood to many Kapampangans.

With this, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – The Province of Pampanga is hereby declared the "Culinary Heartland of the Philippines" in recognition of its contribution to the dynamic and rich culinary history of the country.

SEC 2. *Tourism Promotion.* – The Department of Tourism shall feature and promote the province of Pampanga as the "Culinary Heartland of the Philippines" in all its regional and national promotion programs.

SEC 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,