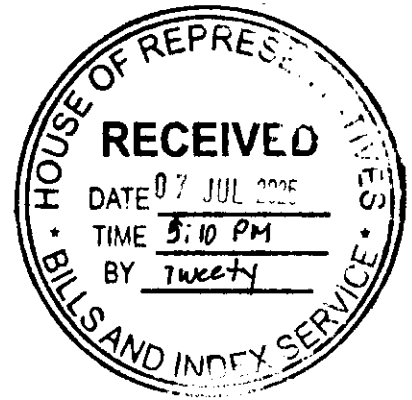


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of La Trinidad houses the Benguet Agri-Pinoy Trading Center (BAPTC) which is the country's biggest vegetable trading facility and which eventually paved the way for the Province of Benguet to be acclaimed as the "Salad Bowl of the Philippines". Apart from the said central facility, La Trinidad is also home to over 700 strawberry farms—making the infamous Strawberry Farm as the province's top tourist destination. These strawberry farms produce over a thousand metric tons of the said fruit every year—making La Trinidad the central and biggest producer of strawberries in this country.

The Municipality of La Trinidad annually holds the Strawberry Festival in pursuit of recognizing the success of strawberry farming as being one of the major economic drivers in the municipality and the province of Benguet, as well as encouraging more farmers to join the industry. Therefore, taking in to account such accomplishments, it is a must to officially declare the Municipality of La Trinidad in the Province of Benguet as the "Strawberry Capital of the Philippines", which this bill foremostly seeks.

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



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AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF
BENGUET AS THE STRAWBERRY CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote and support the strawberry industry in the country and ensure competitiveness in both domestic and foreign markets.

To this end, the State shall recognize the importance of sustaining and enhancing strawberry production as a driver of economic development because strawberry self-sufficiency can tremendously increase the country's export earnings and provide livelihood to our farmers.

SEC. 2. *Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet as the Strawberry Capital of the Philippines.* - In recognition of its status as the country's biggest producer of strawberry, the Municipality of La Trinidad in the Province of Benguet is hereby declared the Strawberry Capital of the Philippines.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general

Approved,