

S. No. 1741  
H. No. 7460

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
Metro Manila

Eighteenth Congress

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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh  
day of July, two thousand twenty.

[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11547 ]

AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF DAVAO AS THE  
CHOCOLATE CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES AND  
THE ENTIRE REGION XI (DAVAO REGION) AS THE  
CACAO 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.* — Section 1, Article XII  
of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall promote  
the industrialization and full employment based on sound  
agricultural development and agrarian reform, through  
industries that make full and efficient use of human and  
natural resources, which are competitive in both domestic and  
foreign markets.

Towards this end, the State hereby recognizes the  
importance of cacao as a driver of rural development not only


because of its singular potential as a raw material that can increase the country's export earnings tremendously, and put the name of the country in the map for producing the finest chocolate beans, but for having provided livelihood to many small farmers in the countryside.

SEC. 2. *Cacao and Chocolate Capital of the Philippines.* – In recognition of its status as the country's biggest producer of cacao and its vital contribution in making the Philippines world renowned and sought after by chocolate makers from the U.S., Japan, and Europe, the City of Davao is hereby declared as the Chocolate Capital of the Philippines and the entire Region XI (Davao Region) as the Cacao Capital of the Philippines.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

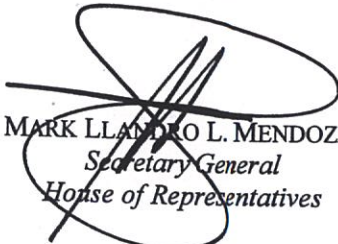
SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.


Approved,

  
LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO  
*Speaker of the House  
of Representatives*


  
VICENTE C. SOTTO III  
*President of the Senate*

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 1741 on March 8, 2021 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 7460 on March 9, 2021.

  
MARK LLANILLO L. MENDOZA  
*Secretary General  
House of Representatives*

  
MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved: MAY 27 2021

  
RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
*President of the Philippines*

