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[ REPUBLIC ACT No. 11700 ]

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES  
AS THE ABACA 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 abaca industry and its development as a driver of rural development not only because of its singular potential

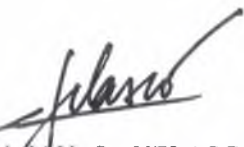
as a raw material that can increase the country's export earnings tremendously, and put the name of the country in the map of the world for producing the biggest volume of abaca fiber, but for having provided livelihood to many small farmers in the countryside.

SEC. 2. *Abaca Capital of the Philippines.* – In recognition of its status as the country's biggest producer of abaca and making the Philippines world-renowned as "Manila Hemp" in the fiber industry, and in support to agricultural development of the province, it is hereby declared that Catanduanes be the Abaca 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order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

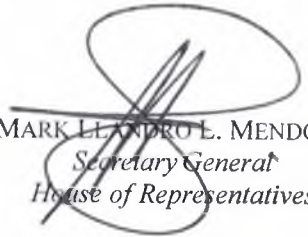
SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.


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. 1978 on January 31, 2022 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 6149 on February 2, 2022.

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

  
MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved: APR 15 2022  
enacted into law on \_\_\_\_\_  
without the signature of the President,  
in accordance with Article VI,  
Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
*President of the Philippines*

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