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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Garlic is an essential food condiment that every Filipino kitchen uses to add flavor and class to every dish.

Records from the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist shows that Ilocos Norte is producing at least 6,855 metric tons of garlic bulbs yearly. Ilocos Norte is devoting around 1,880 hectares for garlic farming, mostly in the towns of Pasuquin, Bacarra, Burgos, Vintar, and Pinili, including Batac City. Annually, the province is contributing 67 to 70 percent of the total garlic production of the country.

This measure seeks to declare Ilocos Norte as the "*Garlic Capital of the Philippines*" in order to inspire the agriculture workers of the province to continue their production efforts and ensure competitiveness in both local and foreign markets. This move seeks to reduce dependence on importation of garlic for local needs.

In view of further promoting garlic as a high value product, the approval of this bill is most earnestly sought.


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

1 Section 1. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State
2 to promote and support the garlic industry in the country and ensure competitiveness
3 in both domestic and foreign markets. To this end, the State shall recognize the
4 importance of sustaining and enhancing garlic production as a driver of economic
5 development because garlic self-sufficiency can tremendously increase the country's
6 export earnings and provide livelihood to our farmers.

7 Sec. 2. *Ilocos Norte as the Garlic Capital of the Philippines.* - In recognition of
8 its status as the country's biggest producer of garlic, the Province of Ilocos Norte is
9 hereby declared the Garlic Capital of the Philippines.

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12 of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

13 Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation
15 in the Philippines.

Approved,