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AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS AS THE
TUNA CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, Article XII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State
2 shall promote industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural development and agrarian
3 reform, through industries that make full and efficient use of human and natural resources, which are
4 competitive in both domestic and foreign markets.
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6 Towards this end, the State recognizes the importance of the tuna industry as a driver of
7 development not only because of its potentials as a source of tuna products that contributed tremendously
8 to the country's export earnings, but for having provided livelihood to a multitude of fisherfolks and
9 workers of allied industries not only in the City of General Santos, but also in the rest of the country.
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11 **SEC. 2.** In recognition of its status as the country's largest producer of fresh and canned tuna and
12 vital contribution in making the Philippines a major player in the world tuna industry, the City of General
13 Santos is hereby declared as the "Tuna Capital of the Philippines".
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15 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the *Official*
16 *Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,