

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Metro Manila  
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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second day of July, two thousand nineteen.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER  
AS PHILIPPINE BAMBOO MONTH

WHEREAS, bamboo is the ubiquitous construction material of the country, particularly in the rural areas and millions of Filipino farmers and fisherfolk depend on bamboo for their livelihood;

WHEREAS, the world-famous Bamboo Organ can be found only in the Philippines, many musical instruments are made of bamboo and famous Filipino bands use only musical instruments made of bamboo;

WHEREAS, the uses of bamboo in the country span from crib to grave and millions of Filipinos cannot go about their daily chores without using one or two utensils made of bamboo;

WHEREAS, bamboo shoots are providing nutritious food not only in the rural areas but also as ingredient in recipes in expensive and leading restaurants in the country;

WHEREAS, world-famous furniture and handicrafts from the Philippines are made of bamboo and it is becoming a medium for carving;

WHEREAS, bamboo is very effective in controlling soil erosion and in land restoration, sequester carbon and absorb heavy metals in mined-out areas;

WHEREAS, bamboo has high potential as a raw material for pulp and paper, textile, engineered bamboo, beverages, and for fuel;

WHEREAS, bamboo contributes to dollar revenues of the country, and its processing provides sizable employment;

WHEREAS, the resiliency of bamboo against various environmental disasters represent the resilient spirit of the Filipino against similar vicissitudes in life;

WHEREAS, ten (10) years ago, countries around the world celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> World Bamboo Day in Bangkok, Thailand and the dedicated day to honor bamboo – September 18 is gaining momentum around the world;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 879 dated May 14, 2010 of then President, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, created the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council to provide the overall policy and directions of the program for all stakeholders;

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote into the consciousness of the Filipino people the importance of bamboo in their daily lives: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, That the month of September of every year be proclaimed as Bamboo Month and celebrated by all agencies of government including local government units (LGUs) by planting bamboo in suitable areas within their jurisdiction.*

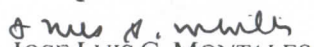
*Resolved, further, That a law be crafted and passed in Congress to address the issues raised.*

Adopted,



ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO  
*Speaker*

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on November 27, 2019.



JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES  
*Secretary General*

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