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Introduced by HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO

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**RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT)  
AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA)  
TO IDENTIFY MARINDUQUE AS THE ONE AND ONLY HOME OF  
THE "MORIONES FESTIVAL" IN THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, the Province of Marinduque has traditionally celebrated its very own "Moriones Festival" every Holy Week;

WHEREAS, "Moriones" are men and women in costumes and masks replicating the appearance of biblical Roman soldiers and are enthusiastically interpreted by the locals;

WHEREAS, this Holy Week tradition is centered on the story of Saint Longinus, a Roman centurion who has one blind eye, but was miraculously cured when he pierced the side of the crucified Jesus Christ and our Savior's blood restored Saint Longinus' sight;

WHEREAS, the Province of Marinduque is well-known, here and abroad, for its colorful and joyous celebration of the "Moriones Festival;"

WHEREAS, other Provinces are starting to imitate this cultural tradition, without prior permission from and to the detriment of Marinduque's heritage;

WHEREAS, with the recent surge of new provinces showcasing their own versions of the Moriones festival, it is necessary to identity and proclaim the Province of Marinduque as the one and only home of the "Moriones Festival" in the Philippines since it has been the first province to do it and its heritage is deeply rooted to this festival;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, in order to preserve the cultural identity of the province of Marinduque as the true home of "Moriones Festival," the DOT and NCCA are hereby urged to proclaim the Province of Marinduque as the one and only home of the "Moriones Festival" in the Philippines.

Adopted,

  
LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO