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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. **119**



Introduced by Representative JAKE VINCENT S. VILLA

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE OBSERVANCE OF WORLD TOURISM DAY

WHEREAS, according to the United Nations (“UN”), over the past six decades, tourism has experienced continued expansion and diversification, and it has become one of the fastest growing and most important economic sectors in the world, benefiting destinations and communities worldwide. International tourist arrivals worldwide have grown from 25 million in 1950 to nearly 1.3 billion today. Similarly, international tourism revenues earned by destinations around the world have grown from 2 billion US dollars in 1950 to 1260 trillion in 2015. The sector represents an estimated 10% of the world’s GDP and 1 in 10 jobs globally;¹

WHEREAS, the U.N. World Tourism Organization (“WTO”) expects that tourism will continue to grow at an average of 3% annually until 2030. This growth reflects the progressive expansion of access to tourism due to the decline in the price of transport, especially air transport, and growing middle classes worldwide. The recognition of the right to holidays in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the improved adoption of labor rights in many countries, have also supported the coming of age of tourism. These factors also serve as a backdrop for the resilience shown by tourism in recent years. The sector has experienced almost uninterrupted growth despite challenges such as the global economic crisis, natural disasters and pandemics;²

WHEREAS, World Tourism Day is commemorated each year on 27 September. Its purpose is to foster awareness among the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value. The event seeks to address global challenges outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to highlight the contribution the tourism industry can make in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals;³

¹<https://www.un.org/en/events/tourismday/>.

² Ibid.

³<https://www.un.org/en/events/tourismday/background.shtml>.

WHEREAS, in our jurisdiction Presidential Proclamation No. 894, s. 1996 declared the last week of September of every year as National Tourism Week in order to coincide with the above declaration of the WTO; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the World Tourism Day celebration concentrated on digital technology that provided opportunities for innovation. The UNWTO sees digital progress and improvement as helping solve the challenge of unifying development with a more sustainable and responsible tourism sector;⁴ and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is in full support of the occasion and promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives of the Philippines expresses its full support in the observance of the World Tourism Day.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jake Vincent S. Villa', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.

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⁴<https://news.mb.com.ph/2018/09/27/world-tourism-day-2018/>.