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House Resolution No. 191

Introduced by HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO

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 identify 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