

## [ PROCLAMATION NO. 939, April 06, 2020 ]

### **DECLARING THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE, AS THE "MARCHING BAND CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

**WHEREAS**, Article XIV, Section 14 of the Constitution provides that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity and diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression;

**WHEREAS**, marching bands have been integral to Philippine culture and heritage, given its role in various Filipino traditions, *fiestas*, secular practices and inaugurations;

**WHEREAS**, the State recognizes the role of marching bands in various historic events of the country, such as the public playing of the *Marcha Nacional Filipina* or the Philippine National Anthem during the declaration of Philippine Independence on 12 June 1898 in Kawit, Cavite, and the use of marching bands as diversionary tactics during the Philippine Revolution;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bacoor, Cavite is known to be the birthplace of the oldest living marching bands in the Philippines, and continues to be the home of community marching bands, and school-based drum and lyre corps, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bacoor is committed to sustain and preserve the tradition and operations of marching bands all over the country, in collaboration with other local government units, government instrumentalities and the private sector;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare the City of Bacoor, Cavite, as the **"Marching Band Capital of the Philippines."**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 6th day of April , in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

(SGD.) **RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**

By the President: