

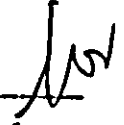
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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE
TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS
THE NATIONAL DAY FOR YOUTH IN CLIMATE ACTION**

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall encourage patriotism, nationalism and involvement in public and civic affairs among them;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 8044, the National Youth Commission (NYC) was created to provide leadership in policy formulation of all youth-directed programs and activities and to harness the full potential of the youth as partners in nation-building;

WHEREAS, RA 9729 or the "Climate Change Act of 2009" mainstreamed climate risk reduction into government policy formulations, established the framework strategy and program to manage climate change, and created the Climate Change Commission (CCC) to serve as the sole policy-making body that shall coordinate, monitor and evaluate the programs and action plans of the government relating to climate change;

WHEREAS, RA 10174 established the People's Survival Fund for the purpose of providing long-term finance streams that will support local governments and communities to adapt to the effects brought about by climate change;

WHEREAS, according to the 2014 World Risk Report published by the United Nations University Institute of Environment and Human Security, the Philippines ranked second among countries in the world with the highest degree of risk and vulnerability in times of disasters;

WHEREAS, in consultation with various international organizations dedicated to climate change management, the CCC formulated the National Climate Change Action Plan, which outlines the country's climate change adaptation and mitigation agenda for the years 2011 to 2028;

WHEREAS, the NYC formulated the Philippine Youth Development Plan 2012-2016, which seeks to strengthen disaster risk reduction and management and climate initiatives especially in the area of humanitarian response for the youth in times of calamities;

WHEREAS, the NYC and the CCC, in cooperation with other government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and international partners, have launched the #NowPH (Not on our Watch) campaign, a comprehensive advocacy on climate action which aims to empower the youth in raising public consciousness on the science of climate change and on ways to lead a climate-resilient and climate-smart lifestyle;

WHEREAS, there is a need for at least one million signatures to express through online and traditional media the support of various sectors in order for the government to pursue strong action in time for a new climate agreement this December 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY resolved to express the sense of the Senate to declare November 25 of every year as the National Day for Youth in Climate Action;

Approved,


LOREN LEGARDA
Senator