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ABUNDA, SUANSING (E.), REVILLA, DAZA, JAVIER, REYES AND
AGABAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 31

AN ACT DECLARING MAY 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL
HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "National Higher
2 Education Day".

3 SEC. 2. The eighteenth (18th) day of May of every year is
4 hereby declared as "National Higher Education Day" in
5 commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Commission on
6 Higher Education (CHED). This recognizes the immense
7 contribution of higher education to poverty alleviation and national
8 development, especially in developing human resources, bridging
9 the gap between the skills set of the Filipino workforce and the
10 demands of the employers, creating jobs, and facilitating inclusive
11 growth and sustainable development.

12 SEC. 3. The CHED shall be the lead agency in charge of the
13 preparation and implementation of an annual program of activities

1 and advocacy campaign for the observance of the "National Higher
2 Education Day".

3 SEC. 4. All heads of government agencies and
4 instrumentalities, including government-owned and -controlled
5 corporations, local government units, public and private educational
6 institutions, employers in the private sector, and industry
7 associations, shall encourage and afford sufficient time and
8 opportunities for their students or employees to engage and
9 participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their
10 schools, offices or establishments in celebration of "National Higher
11 Education Day".

12 All higher education institutions are mandated to provide full
13 support and assistance to the preparation of the annual program of
14 activities and events to be conducted by the CHED in the
15 observance of the event pursuant to this Act.

16 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
17 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
18 circulation.

Approved,

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