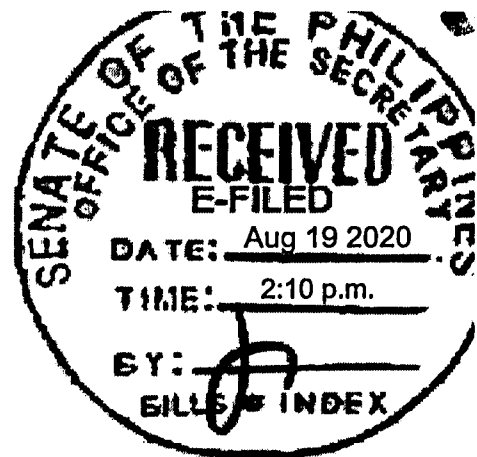


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**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 2020 CELEBRATION OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY ON AUGUST 12**

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the recommendations by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth and declared August 12 as the International Youth Day;

**WHEREAS**, the International Youth Day gives an opportunity to uplift the spirit of the youth through different actions and initiatives that will recognize the importance of youth participation in political, economic and social life and processes;

**WHEREAS**, with the theme "Youth Engagement for Global Action," this year's celebration of the International Youth Day seeks to highlight ways in which the engagement of young people at the local, national and global levels is enriching national and multilateral institutions and processes. It aims to "shed light on the need to enable the engagement of youth by making local, national and global institutions more inclusive for the purpose of strengthening their capacity (and relevance) to achieve global action;"<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has always recognized the crucial role of the youth in nation-building as enshrined in Article II, Section 13 of the Constitution. Pursuant to this, Republic Act No. 8044, or the Youth in Nation-Building Act, established the National Youth Commission to, among others, encourage wide and active participation of the youth in all governmental and non-governmental programs, projects and activities affecting them;

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<sup>1</sup> International Youth Day 2020. Available at <https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/iyd2020.html> (date last accessed: August 19, 2020).

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its mandate, the National Youth Commission held a webinar entitled "Youth Day PH 2020" in celebration of the International Youth Day in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, with more than 30 million youth in the country and a rising youth unemployment rate, further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the global economic downturn, youth participation in policy and decision-making processes becomes all the more crucial. Thus, enabling the engagement of youth in formal political mechanisms will result in better and sustainable policies and will reflect the trust of the youth on the public institutions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to commemorate the celebration of this year's International Youth Day.

Adopted,

  
**SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA**