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AN ACT
MANDATING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO POST AND DISPLAY
NATIONAL SYMBOLS AND FIGURES TO REINSTALL FILIPINO YOUTH
AWARENESS AND PATRIOTISM

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Patriotism, as enshrined under Section 13 Article II of the Constitution, is an essential quality that every Filipino youth should possess. It is important, as patriotism instills love for one's country, creates a sense of unity and fosters a positive national identity that brings a sense of belonging among fellow Filipinos. It brings a sense of responsibility and accountability to the welfare of the nation, promoting strong work ethic, and commitment to excellence leading to active participation of the Filipino youth in community development as they become committed to the growth and progress of the Philippines.

Awareness of Filipino youth to national symbols and figures had already diminished over time as the programs of the government had been focused on matters relating to their academic, technological and developmental advancement. It is high time to remind the country the importance of patriotism and nationalism to our Filipino youth.

This bill aims to instill in the young generation a sense of patriotism and love for our country by educating them about the Philippines' rich history and heritage. It acknowledges that the Filipino youth is the hope of our nation and the future leaders of our country. The objective of this bill will be achieved through posting of national symbols and figures in conspicuous places in all government Offices, including LGUs. It also mandates all government agencies to display the same in its website.

With this proposed legislation, it is hoped that the young generation will be more aware, appreciative, and passionate about the Philippines and the values that define us as a nation.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 Section. 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Youth Awareness to*
2 *National Symbols and Figures Act*”.

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to promote a sense
4 of national identity among the youth through the recognition and appreciation of
5 national symbols and figures. The State recognizes the importance of instilling
6 patriotism and love of country among the Filipino youth as the future custodians of
7 the nation.

8 Sec. 3. *Posting Requirements.* –

9 (a) All public institutions, including schools, government agencies, and local
10 government units, shall be required to display in conspicuous places the following
11 national symbols and figures:

- 12 (1) Philippine flag and emblem;
13 (2) National anthem;
14 (3) Pictures of national heroes and leaders;
15 (4) Relevant excerpts from the Philippine Constitution.

1 (b) All government websites shall be required to post information and
2 multimedia materials related to the national symbols and figures mentioned in
3 Section 3(a).

4 (c) The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher
5 Education (CHED), in coordination with relevant national agencies and organizations,
6 shall provide guidelines on the implementation of this section.

7 *Sec. 4. Compliance. –*

8 (a) Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, all public institutions
9 and government websites mentioned in Section 3 shall comply with the posting
10 requirements.

11 (b) Failure to comply with the posting requirements shall be subject to
12 administrative sanctions, including possible fines and penalties, as provided by law.

13 *Sec. 5. Funding. –* All public institutions mentioned in Section 3 shall allocate
14 funds in their respective budgets for the implementation of this Act.

15 *Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. –* The DepEd, CHED, and
16 relevant national agencies and organizations shall promulgate the necessary rules
17 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within six (6) months
18 from the effectivity of this Act.

19 *Sec. 7. Separability Clause. –* If any section or provision of this Act is declared
20 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act shall remain in full force and
21 effect.

22 *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause. –* All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
23 regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
24 modified accordingly.

25 *Sec. 9. Effectivity. –* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
26 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,