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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Deaf-blindness is a unique disability that incorporates the sensory loss of both sight and hearing. Persons with this disability experience extreme isolation and the inability to access the services and information which most of us take for granted.

It is appropriate to celebrate the achievements of deaf-blind persons and to recognize that increased public awareness of this disability is crucial to increase opportunities for those who live with it.




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**AN ACT TO PROCLAIM  
THE MONTH OF JUNE AS DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS MONTH**

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

**SECTION 1.** Title- This Act shall be known and cited as the "Deaf-Blind Awareness Month".

**SECTION 2.** The month of June is permanently designated as "Deaf-Blind Awareness Month" in the Philippines.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Health shall urge all citizens to recognize "Deaf-Blind Awareness Month" and shall hold programs and activities for the observance of the event. The Department shall likewise provide encouragement and assistance to those organizations that offer educational, advocacy and support services for the deaf-blind persons.

**SECTION 4.** Implementing Rules and Regulations.- The Department of Health shall promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

**SECTION 5.** Separability Clause.- If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 6.** Repealing Clause.- Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 7.** Effectivity Clause.- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.