

SENATE
S.B. No. 1417

Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 11, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution expressly provides that, "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being." Furthermore, the State is mandated "to inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

The Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) and the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP), two long-standing institutions and advocates of youth development, have been continually working to develop the youth into responsible, self-reliant and confident individuals working for the betterment of the country. They instill values essential to progress and development of communities. GSP and BSP create socially-aware youths through socially meaningful activities. They represent a concrete example of socially responsible organizations. More so, with their world-wide network, they transcend the boundaries of geography, race and ethnicity.

To reaffirm the ideals, noble traditions and constructive practices of boy scouting and girl scouting, this bill mandates the celebration of "Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting Recognition Day" in every local government unit.

This bill aims to confirm the essential role of girl and boy scouting in the upbringing of the Filipino youth through a celebration honoring, promoting and recognizing the valued accomplishments of the scouting movement. Through the celebration, we will be reminded of the values and acts championed by the GSP and BSP.

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



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AN ACT
TO REQUIRE ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADOPT A BOY
SCOUTING AND GIRL SCOUTING RECOGNITION DAY

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy - The State hereby reaffirms that the ideals, noble traditions and constructive practices of boy scouting and girl scouting are essential to the proper upbringing of the youth. For them to become useful and productive citizens, able to exercise the rights and perform their duties with honor and dedication to the service of their communities and the nation, the scouting movement is hereby encouraged and promoted.

SEC. 2. Recognition Day - It is hereby mandated that all local government units shall adopt, by appropriate proclamation of the respective local chief executives, a Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting Recognition Day to be held every year within the months of September and October, respectively.

Every province, city or municipality shall conduct appropriate programs, projects and activities to give due recognition to the achievements of, and confer honors and awards to, deserving scouts, partners and donors of the scouting movement.

SEC. 3. Financial Assistance - The sanggunians of provinces, cities and municipalities may appropriate such sums of money and/or equipment as may be necessary for the holding of the annual boy scouting and girl scouting recognition days.

The support of schools, parent-teachers associations, civic organizations and citizens shall be enlisted to provide donations, in cash or in kind, or services as may be deemed expedient to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 4. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,