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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The United Nations, in which the Philippines is a founding member, has established November 20 of each year as the Universal Children's Day, with one hundred forty nine member countries observing the day for forty one years now.

In a country like the Philippines where the struggle for peace and prosperity is felt and suffered most by children, a single-minded and concerted effort to create a "children's rights culture" has to be made.

This bill, if enacted into law, will make November 20 a national holiday and will be known as the National Children's Day to coincide with the United Nations' Universal Children's Day. This will give Filipino families a day of each year to celebrate and have appreciation for the rights of our children.

For these reason, approval of this Bill is urgently sought.

  
SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO

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**AN ACT  
DECLARING NOVEMBER 20 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING  
HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY**

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

**SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "National Children's Day Act of 2010."

**SECTION 2.** November 20 of every year is hereby declared as National Children's Day and a special nonworking holiday in the country to commemorate the United Nation's General Assembly ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and instill the significance of the Rights of the Child in the public consciousness.

If November 20 falls on a Sunday, the Monday after November 20 shall be the day of the celebration of National Children's Day.

**SECTION 3.** All learning levels of educational institutions, both public and private, shall celebrate the Day in simple ceremonies and hold appropriate activities with emphasis on inculcating in the minds of the students a *children's rights culture* that aims for a sustainable youth development in the country.

**SECTION 4.** All private enterprises are encouraged to observe National Children's Day in simple rites and participate in activities based on their discretion.

**SECTION 5.** The Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) shall take the lead in the celebration of the National Children's Day.

**SECTION 6.** The CWC is hereby likewise authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance as may be needed in the discharge of its functions.

**SECTION 7.** Any provision of law, decree, order, rule, or regulation inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved,*