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NO. 821

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL
CONSCIOUSNESS DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN"

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

1 SECTION 1. In recognition of the need to establish a comprehensive
2 and structured campaign for national consciousness on anti-violence against
3 women, November 25 of every year is hereby declared as "National
4 Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women".

5 SEC. 2. The following activities shall be undertaken in observance of
6 this occasion:

7 (a) Heads of government agencies and instrumentalities,
8 government-owned and -controlled corporations, local government units
9 (LGUs), and employers in the private sector shall, together with their
10 employees, organize, engage or participate in activities designed to raise public

1 awareness on the problem of violence against women and the elimination of all
2 forms of violence against women.

3 (b) The Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), the
4 Philippine Information Agency (PIA) together with the Bureau of Broadcast
5 and other members of the concerned government media shall be mandated to
6 allocate a minimum of one (1) hour airtime for programs exclusively raising
7 public awareness on the problem of violence against women and the
8 elimination of all forms of violence against women. Relative thereto, all
9 Kapisanan ng mga Broadkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP)-affiliated television and
10 radio networks nationwide are encouraged to allocate airtime for said
11 programs.

12 (c) Publishers of local newspapers and magazines shall be encouraged
13 to highlight the problem of violence against women and the elimination of all
14 forms of violence against women.

15 (d) The Department of Education (DepED), the Commission on
16 Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education and Skills Development
17 Authority (TESDA), in coordination with the Philippine Commission on
18 Women (PCW) formerly the National Commission on the Role of Filipino
19 Women (NCRFW), women nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and other
20 NGOs advocating for women's human rights, shall lead public and private
21 school communities at all levels in organizing consciousness raising activities
22 on the problem of violence against women and the elimination of all forms of
23 violence against women.

24 SEC. 3. The National Statistics Office (NSO), the Philippine National
25 Police (PNP), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD),
26 the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Foreign
27 Affairs (DFA) and all Philippine embassies and consulates shall, in
28 coordination with the PCW, undertake data gathering and systematization of

1 databases on all forms of violence against women, including Filipino women
2 working and/or residing abroad. These agencies shall consolidate their
3 findings and make a report to the public every November 25 of each year, on
4 the statistics and status of violence against women.

5 SEC. 4. The PCW and the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking
6 (IACAT), constituted under Section 20 of Republic Act No. 9208 or the "Anti-
7 Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003" and the Inter-Agency Council on Violence
8 Against Women and Their Children (IAC-VAWC), constituted under Section
9 39 of Republic Act No. 9262 or the "Anti-Violence Against Women and Their
10 Children Act of 2004", shall coordinate, monitor and evaluate the activities
11 outlined in the annual eighteen (18)-day campaign at the national level.

12 At the regional level, the Regional Inter-Agency Committee on
13 Anti-Trafficking and VAWC (RIACAT-VAWC) shall likewise coordinate,
14 monitor and evaluate said activities for the annual campaign at the provincial,
15 city, municipal and barangay level. They shall also make an annual report of
16 their findings to be reported to the public every November 25.

17 The PCW, the IACAT and the IAC-VAWC shall likewise coordinate
18 and tap the expertise of other government agencies and institutions like the
19 Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) and the
20 Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), as well as other private
21 sector organizations in the implementation of activities for the eighteen (18)-
22 day campaign.

23 SEC. 5. Funds for the implementation of the aforesated activities,
24 programs and projects shall be taken out of the five percent (5%) gender and
25 development budget allotted to all government agencies and LGUs as
26 mandated by Section 36 of Republic Act No. 9710 or "The Magna Carta of
27 Women".

1 SEC. 6. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held to
2 be unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of other sections herein shall not be
3 affected thereby.

4 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
5 publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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