

X. Asuncion

Introduced by Senators Pangilinan, Drilon, Aquino, and Hontiveros

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT
OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE
WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY**

WHEREAS, Article XV, Sec. 3(2) of the Philippine Constitution mandates the State to defend the right of the children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

WHEREAS, the Philippines is among the original 51 signatories, and one of only four in Asia, of the 1942 United Nations Declaration on which the UN Charter was founded; and continues to be a member of good standing of the United Nations in upholding international and domestic laws, active cooperation with Member States, sustainable and equitable development, and adherence to human rights.

WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, a human rights treaty to which the Philippines is a signatory¹, reaffirms that "children's rights require special protection and call for continuous improvement of the situation of children all over the world, as well as their development and education in conditions of peace and security. It enumerates the political, economic, social, health, and cultural rights of every child regardless of their race, religion or abilities."²

WHEREAS, the United Nations has declared 20 November as World Children's Day to raise awareness on children's rights, welfare, protection and development; and urge countries to promote and support active participation of children and youth worldwide especially those most vulnerable, under-represented, and marginalized. The date also commemorates the United Nations General Assembly adopting the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959, as well as the Convention of the Rights of the Child in 1989.

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines recognizes the need to uphold, protect and advance the rights and development of every Filipino child – particularly poor and under-privileged children, those living with disabilities, those from indigenous and ethnic minorities, those who suffer from violence, and those at risk to abuse and exploitation, those living in disaster-prone and conflict-affected areas, and those who have limited access to social services and safety measures.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate is committed to collaborate with all government agencies to protect, nurture and empower all Filipino children through inclusive and equitable access to social services, protection and safety, and active participation in discussions on issues that affect them and their communities. This Chamber commits to support all children to become productive and responsible citizens and future leaders of this country.

¹ The Philippines signed the Convention on 19 December 1966 and ratified the same on 23 October 1986.

² Article 1, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines express its full support in the celebration of World Children's Day.

Adopted,

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