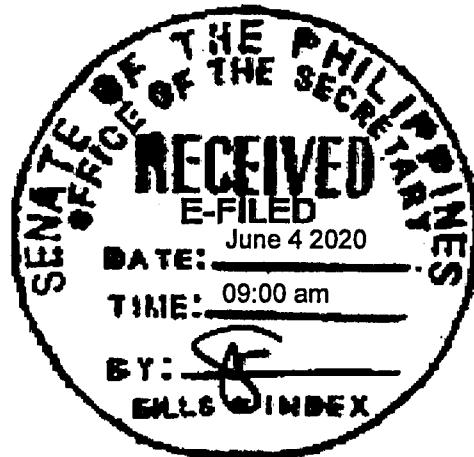


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**AN ACT  
DECLARING AUGUST 12 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL YOUTH DAY**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article II Section 13 of the Constitution provides: "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. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

There are an estimated 30 million young people aged 10-24 in the Philippines today. The sector constitutes a third of our population. According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the country has one of the youngest populations in the Asia Pacific region.

This proposed measure seeks to declare August 12 of every year as the National Youth Day. This aims to recognize the presence, contribution and importance of the younger generation in our society as vanguards of national development.

To celebrate this day, educational institutions are encouraged to hold enrichment activities for the youth like empowerment seminars, leadership trainings, among others.

In addition, by earmarking a special occasion for them, we are constantly made aware about their specific needs, concerns and issues such as access to quality education, protection from abuse, cybercrime, bullying, illegal drug use, teenage pregnancy, among others.

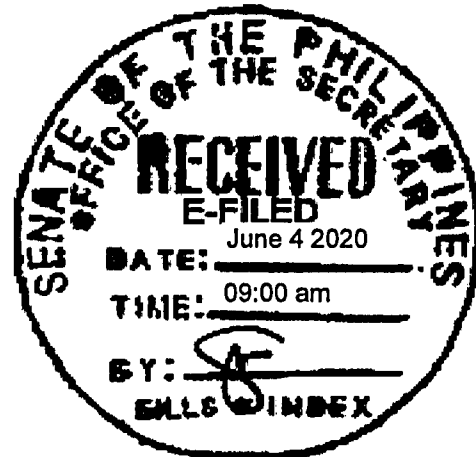
This measure has already been approved on Third and Final Reading by the House of Representatives during the Third Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress.

In this light, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1           Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*National Youth Day*  
2 *Act*".

3           Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes the vital role of the youth  
4 in nation-building and shall undertake measures to inculcate in them patriotism and  
5 nationalism. It also encourages their involvement in public and civic affairs. Republic  
6 Act No. 8044, otherwise known as the "Youth in Nation-Building Act," recognizes the  
7 responsibility of the State to enable the youth to fulfill their vital role in nation-building,  
8 thereby establishing a National Comprehensive and Coordinated Program on Youth  
9 Development. Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the "Sangguniang  
10 Kabataan Reform Act of 2015," established the mechanisms to ensure the meaningful  
11 participation of the youth in local governance and called for the "Linggo ng Kabataan"  
12 on the week where the twelfth of August falls to coincide with the International Youth  
13 Day.

14           Sec. 3. *National Youth Day.* – In observance of International Youth Day, the  
15 twelfth day of August of every year is hereby declared as National Youth Day.

16           Sec. 4. *Program of activities.* – To ensure the meaningful observance of the  
17 National Youth Day, the National Youth Commission (NYC), in coordination with the  
18 Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and

1 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), shall prepare and  
2 implement an annual program of activities. The youth organizations and youth-serving  
3 organizations shall likewise support the NYC in all its efforts to promote and facilitate  
4 related activities in all public and private schools.

5 All schools, universities and colleges are hereby enjoined to launch activities  
6 such as leadership training, youth empowerment workshop, basic mass integration,  
7 solidarity summit, among others in celebration of the National Youth Day.  
8 Furthermore, the respective administrations of schools, colleges and universities shall  
9 extend their full support to all activities conducted by their students.

10 **Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The NYC, in coordination with  
11 the DepEd, the CHED, and the TESDA, shall promulgate the rules and regulations to  
12 implement this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

13 **Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
14 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise  
15 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

16 **Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
17 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or  
18 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended  
19 accordingly.

20 **Sec. 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
21 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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23 *Approved,*