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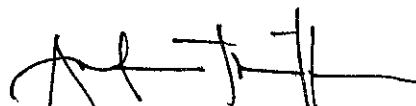
Explanatory Note

As the school year begins, it is a time when parents, families, teachers, school administrators, and communities increase their focus on children and youth throughout the Philippines. Hence, raising awareness of and increasing support for organizations that provide access to social services, education, the arts, sports, and other services that will result in the development of character and the future success of Filipino children and youth must be attained.

Designating June of every year as "National Child Awareness Month" will recognize that a long-term commitment to children and youth is in the public interest, and will encourage widespread support for charities and organizations that seek to provide a better future for the children and youth of the Philippines.

Thus, this bill aims to (1) promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the Philippines; and (2) recognize efforts made by such charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as a positive investment in the future of the Philippines.

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



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AN ACT

DESIGNATING JUNE OF EVERY YEAR AS THE 'NATIONAL CHILD AWARENESS MONTH' TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF CHARITIES BENEFITTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES AND RECOGNIZING EFFORTS MADE BY THESE CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS A POSITIVE INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.***- This Act shall be known as the "National Child Awareness
2 Month of 2010."

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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** It is the policy of the State to recognize the vital role of
5 the children in nation building, promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual
6 and social being.

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8 **SEC. 3. *Child Awareness Month.*** To promote awareness of charities benefitting children
9 and youth-serving organizations throughout the Philippines and to recognize efforts made by
10 such charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as a positive investment in the
11 future of the Philippines, the whole month of June of every year shall be declared as the National
12 Child Awareness Month.

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14 **SEC. 4. *Lead Agency.*** The National Youth Commission (NYC) and the Department of
15 Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), together with the Council for the Welfare of

1 Children shall urge all citizens to recognize a “National Child Awareness Month” and shall hold
2 programs and activities in observance of the event. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall
3 facilitate and encourage the celebration of this event in public and private schools nationwide.

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5 **SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** Within ninety (90) days from the
6 effectivity of this Act, the school divisions shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
7 to implement the provisions of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall take effect immediately
8 thereafter.

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10 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** Any laws, decrees, ordinances or rules and regulations which
11 are inconsistent with or contrary to the provision of this Act is hereby amended or repealed.

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13 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
14 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,