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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Presidential Decree No. 603 otherwise known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code was established not only for the protection of the rights and welfare of Filipino children and youth but more importantly in recognizing their role in nation building. To implement, monitor and enforce the provisions of the said code and other pertinent laws and programs concerning children, a Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) was created.

As embodied in our Constitution, recognizing the youth's role in the development of our society is a policy of the state. Thus, in order to promote public consciousness and taking cognizance on the contributions of the youth in public and civic affairs, a measure that will institute a national day for children is befitting.

The bill proposes every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of October as National Children's Day.

The early enactment of this proposed bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT DECLARING THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL  
CHILDREN'S DAY IN THE COUNTRY ON THE SECOND  
SUNDAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR**

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

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

SEC. 2. The second Sunday of October of every year shall hereby be known as the "National Children's Day" to promote consciousness over the protection of the rights of Filipino children and the importance of fostering their well-being to secure the growth and development of society.

SEC. 3. Pursuant to the observance of the National Children's Day, an annual program of activities shall be prepared and implemented with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the National Youth Commission (NYC) and the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) as lead agencies.

In support thereof, the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall facilitate and encourage the commemoration of this day in all schools, public and private, nationwide. The Philippine Information Agency (PIA), in coordination with the DSWD, DepEd, CHED, NYC and CWC shall ensure the effective information dissemination of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,