

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

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11913, July 30, 2022

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the “National Youth Day Act.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and which has led to measures such as Republic Act No. 8044 which created the National Youth Commission to be leading government arm in harnessing the full potential of the youth as partners in nation building and Republic Act No. 10742 or the “Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015” which provided a strong framework to encourage the youth not only to participate in governmental activities and public and civic affairs but to also develop a sense of leadership and patriotism.

SECTION 3. National Youth Day. - In observance of the International Youth Day, the twelfth (12[th]) day of August of every year is hereby declared as National Youth Day.

SECTION 4. Program of Activities. - To ensure the meaningful observance of National Youth Day, the National Youth Commission (NYC), in coordination with the Department of Education (DepED), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP), and other youth and youth-serving organizations shall prepare and implement an annual program of activities including, but not limited to, discussions and/or forums on career paths, sustainable development, environment preservation, gender equality, and mental health. For this purpose, the NYC may engage in partnerships with local and international youth organizations suitable to providing these discussions. The youth organizations and youth-serving organizations shall likewise support the NYC in its effort to promote and facilitate related activities in all public and private schools.

All schools, colleges, and universities are hereby enjoined to launch activities such as leadership training, youth empowerment, workshops, basic mass integration, and community immersion activities in celebration of National Youth Day: Provided, That the respective administration of schools, colleges, and universities shall extend their full support to all activities to be conducted by their students: Provided, further, That the specific activities shall be undertaken according to the education institutions' policies and guidelines.

All provincial and local youth development offices are likewise enjoined to prepare an annual program and conduct activities that shall provide holistic development and enrichment of the youth in their respective communities.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The NYC, in coordination with DepEd, CHED, and TESDA, SK, NUSP, and other youth and youth-serving organizations shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. - The amounts necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the respective current year available appropriations of the NYC, DepEd, CHED and SK. Thereafter, the amounts necessary shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or parts of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any competent court, other sections or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

](SGD.) LORD ALAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker of the House of Representatives

(SGD.) VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 2503 on May 26, 2022 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 6456 on May 30, 2022.

(SGD.) MARK LLANDRO L. MENDOZA
Secretary General House of Representatives

(SGD.) MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate

Approved: Lapsed into law on JUL 30 2022 without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
President of the Philippines

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