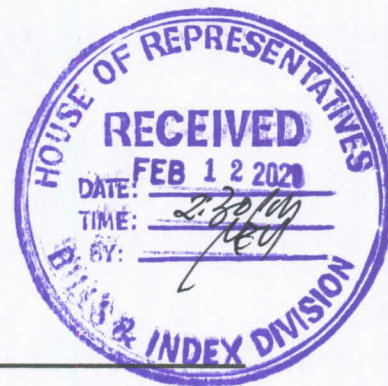


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE 24<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS  
"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION"  
IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND MANDATING ITS OBSERVANCE**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 17 Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that it is the policy of the state to give priority to education to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

The Republic of the Philippines has been affiliated with the United Nations since its conception and was among the signatories of the 1942 UN Declaration which was the basis of the establishment of the United Nations in 1945. Since then, the country has played an active role in the UN through various commitments and programs consistent with the fundamental principles and policies of the state.

On 03 December 2018, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 73/25 proclaiming 24 January the International Day of Education. The United Nations General Assembly recognizes that education plays a key role in building sustainable and resilient societies, increases productivity of individuals and strengthens the potential for economic growth, develops skills needed for decent work, develops professional skills needed for sustainable development, helps to eradicate poverty and hunger, contributes to improved health, promotes gender equality and can reduce inequality, and promotes peace, the rule of law and respect for human rights.<sup>1</sup>

Moreover, United Nations General Assembly, in the same Resolution, invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other organizations and relevant stakeholders to observe the International Day of Education in an appropriate manner and to continue to give consideration to enhancing international cooperation in support of the efforts of all Member States towards the realization of Sustainable Development Goal 4, which targets education.

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<sup>1</sup> See Resolution 73/25 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 3 December 2018

The promotion of and support to education at all levels fosters life-long learning for Filipinos and gives individuals and families more opportunities for an improved quality of life and a meaningful contribution to society.

For these reasons, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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Section 1. *Short title.* This Act shall be known as the “International Day of Education Act”.

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* The State shall give priority to education to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Sec. 3. The 24<sup>th</sup> of January of every year is hereby declared as “International Day of Education” in the entire country. All public and private educational institutions, including preschools, primary-elementary schools, secondary-high schools, universities and colleges, as well as schools offering technical and vocational training, are hereby mandated to carry-out the observance of activities designed to advance the International Day of Education.

Sec. 4. The Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall formulate such rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,