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BY REPRESENTATIVES ELAGO, AGABAS, CASTRO (F.L.), ZARATE, GAITE, CULLAMAT, BROSAS, MARTINEZ, PACQUIAO (A.), YU, BARBA, TUTOR, TEVES (J.), DY (F.M.C.), CARI, MARCOLETA AND ROMUALDEZ (F.M.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 262

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

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".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and undertakes measures not only to inculcate patriotism and nationalism but to encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs as well. Thus, Republic Act No. 8044, otherwise known as the "Youth in Nation-Building Act", which recognizes the responsibility of the State to enable the youth to fulfill their vital role in nation-building, and Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015", which established the mechanisms to ensure the meaningful participation of the youth in local governance, were enacted. In declaring August 12 of every year as the National Youth Day, the youth is being honored and their role as vanguards of national change and development recognized. National Youth Day celebrates not only the role of the youth but their achievements and future contributions to nation-building as well.

SEC. 3. National Youth Day. - In observance of International Youth Day, the twelfth day of August of every year is hereby declared as "National Youth Day".

SEC. 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), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP), and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), shall prepare and implement an annual program of activities. 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.

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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. Furthermore, the respective administrations of schools, colleges, and universities shall extend their full support to all activities to be conducted by their students.

All provincial and local youth development offices are likewise enjoined to prepare an annual program and conduct activities that

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shall provide holistic development and enrichment of the youth in their respective communities.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The NYC, in coordination with the DepEd, CHED, TESDA, NUSP, and SK, shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. — If any part or provision of this
Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not
affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,