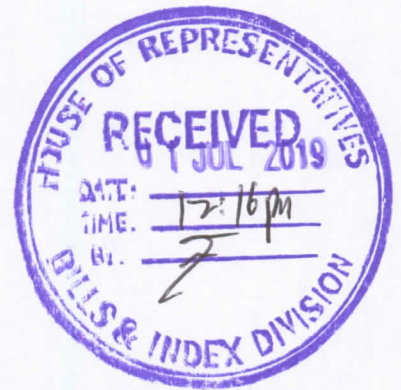


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HOUSE BILL NO. 323



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The role of the youth can never be underestimated or belittled. They possess time, strength, and vigor to take on the role as vanguards of genuine national change and development. Throughout the years, we have witnessed how hundreds and thousands of students and youth have risen up to such responsibility, and even exceeded their seniors' expectations.

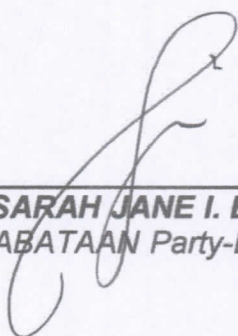
It is in this spirit that this Representation would like to honor the youth in an annual celebration of the National Youth Day, every August 12 -- the same day that the International Youth Day is celebrated. 19 years ago, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth that August 12 be declared as the International Youth Day.

In a time when the youth are faced with challenges, such as skyrocketing prices of basic goods and commodities, increasing tuition and other school fees, and a national political crisis where human rights are easily disregarded and violence is seen as an instrument to achieve peace, their resilience and ability to overcome and to be involved in these social issues are admirable.

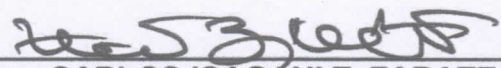
Truly, we are honored to have a 'woke' generation -- a generation that does not let age dictate its role in society, a generation that chooses to fight back and to assert their beliefs, a generation that welcomes principled debate.

Let the National Youth Day be a celebration of the role of the youth. Let the National Youth Day be a celebration of the achievements of the youth, and a reminder of what more they can achieve. The annual celebration aims for a decentralized celebration of the internationally-recognized event in schools and to allow the youth to create their own programs to highlight the diversity of skills and to share their experiences, to enable further growth and individual and collective development.


Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



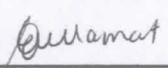
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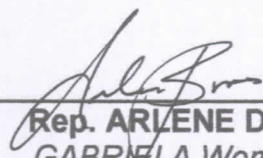
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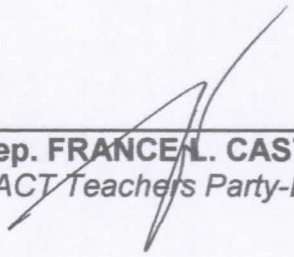
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AN ACT
DECLARING AUGUST 12 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

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

CHAPTER I
General Provisions

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 shall undertake measures to inculcate in them patriotism and nationalism. It also encourages their involvement in public and civic affairs. Republic Act No. 8044, otherwise known as the "Youth in Nation-Building Act", recognizes the responsibility of the State to enable the youth to fulfill their vital role in nation-building, thereby establishing a National Comprehensive and Coordinated Program on Youth Development. Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015", established the mechanisms to ensure the meaningful participation of the youth in local governance and called for the "Linggo ng Kabataan" on the week where the twelfth of August falls to coincide with the International Youth Day.

SECTION 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.

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

1 organizations and youth-serving organizations shall likewise support the NYC in all
2 its efforts to promote and facilitate related activities in all public and private schools.

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4 All schools, colleges, and universities are hereby enjoined to launch activities such
5 as leadership training, youth empowerment workshop, basic mass integration,
6 solidarity summit, among others, in celebration of the National Youth Day.
7 Furthermore, the respective administrations of schools, colleges, and universities
8 shall extend their full support to all activities to be conducted by their students.

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10 All provincial and local youth development offices (LYDOs) and SKs are likewise
11 enjoined and shall also adopt this measure as it would play a big part in the holistic
12 development and enrichment of our youth especially in the communities.

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14 **SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** — The NYC, in
15 cooperation and close coordination with the DepEd, CHED, TESDA, NUSP and SK,
16 shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act within sixty (60) days
17 after its effectivity.

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19 **SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.*** - If any part or provision of this Act is held
20 unconstitutional or parts thereof, other provisions hereof which are not affected
21 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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23 **SECTION 7 *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
24 regulations or other issuances or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of
25 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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27 **SECTION 8. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
28 publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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31 *Approved,*