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*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

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House Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) was created on May 18, 1994 through the passage of Republic Act No. 7722, or the Higher Education Act of 1994.

CHED plays a very important role in ensuring that the country's higher education system that is locally responsive and globally competitive and serves as a force for lifelong learning, innovation, and social and cultural transformation.

Every year, CHED celebrates its founding anniversary with various activities showcasing innovations and other developments in higher education. It is high time that we recognize that importance of CHED and of higher education in the entire country by mandating a National Higher Education Day.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

  
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AN ACT  
DECLARING MAY 18 OF OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

*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 Higher Education Day Act."

SEC 2. The Eighteenth (18th) day of May of every year is hereby declared as the "National Higher Education Day."

SEC 3. An annual program of activities for the observance and celebration of the "National Higher Education Day" shall be prepared and implemented, with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as the lead agency. All heads of concerned government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned-and-controlled corporations, local government units, public and private educational institutions, employers in the private sector, and industry associations, shall support the CHED in all efforts to facilitate and promote related activities, encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees or students to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their offices or establishments in celebration of the "National Higher Education Day."

All higher educational institutions (HEIs) are mandated to provide full support and assistance to the preparation of the annual program of activities and events to be conducted by the CHED in the observance of the event pursuant to this Act.

SEC 4. The CHED shall be the lead agency in charge of the preparation and implementation of the annual program of activities and advocacy campaign for the observance of the "National Higher Education Day."

SEC 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,