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HOUSE BILL NO. ______

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Introduced by Representative TYRONE D AGABAS
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill which seeks to declare August 12 of every year as the National Youth Day has already been approved by the House of Representatives on its 3rd and final reading in the 17th Congress. It has not however ripened into a law, hence, the filing of this bill in recognition of the vital role of the youth in nation-building.

The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being (Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution). For many years, the State recognized the capacity of our youth as instrument for national change and development. It has also strengthened the participation of our youth in political exercises, like the Sangguniang Kabataan, if only to hold true to our youth's strength as catalysts of change. The date August 12 also coincides with the celebration of International Youth Day.

So to fully recognize the vital role of the youth, August 12 of each year shall be declared as National Youth Day in the country.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3859

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE TYRONE D. AGABAS

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:

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

SEC. 2. Declaration of policy – This 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 national-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.

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), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), shall prepare and implement an annual program of activities. The youth organizations and youth-serving organizations shall likewise support the NYC in all its efforts 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 workshop, basic mass integration, solidarity summit, among others, in celebration of the 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.

SEC. 5. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The NYC, in coordination with the DepEd, the CHED, and the TESDA, shall promulgate the rules and regulation to implement 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 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. **Repealing Clause.** – All law, 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 any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,