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AN ACT DECLARING MAY 18 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 “National Higher Education Day”.

SEC. 2. The eighteenth (18th) day of May of every year is hereby declared as “National Higher Education Day” in commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). This recognizes the immense contribution of higher education to poverty alleviation and national development, especially in developing human resources, bridging the gap between the skills set of the Filipino workforce and the demands of the employers, creating jobs, and facilitating inclusive growth and sustainable development.

SEC. 3. The CHED shall be the lead agency in charge of the preparation and implementation of an annual program of activities and advocacy campaign for the observance of the “National Higher Education Day”.

SEC. 4. All heads of 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 encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their students or employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their schools, offices or establishments in celebration of “National Higher Education Day”.

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

Approved,