AN ACT
DECLARING THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR A NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “National Education Day Act.”

SEC. 2. The State gives priority to education given its importance in empowering people and transforming lives. The State also recognizes that education fosters patriotism and nationalism, accelerates social progress, reduces inequalities, and promotes total human liberation and development.

To provide the citizenry wider access to basic and functional education, the State continues to undertake improvements in the quality of learning especially in education programs for the children and the youth, guided by the goal of molding a well-informed citizenry whose knowledge and skills are vital to the achievement of a more peaceful and sustainable future for all.

SEC. 3. In recognition of the crucial role of education in national development, and in accord with the United Nations’ observance of the International Day of Education, the twenty-fourth (24th) day of January of every year is hereby declared “National Education Day”.

SEC. 4. To promote the observance of National Education Day, an annual program of activities shall be prepared and implemented by the Department of Education, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and Presidential Communications Operations Office.

All public and private schools, colleges, and universities are encouraged to extend their full support and participation to relevant activities during the observance of the National 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.

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