AN ACT
DECLARING NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK MONTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is the declared policy of the State to accord the highest priority to the development of agriculture and fishery and give farmers and fisherfolk more opportunities to maximize their incomes and increase their contribution to the nation’s wealth. Towards this end, the State shall promote and increase awareness on the significant contribution of farmers and fisherfolk in nation building and their specific role in putting food on our tables.

SEC. 2. Buwan ng Magsasaka at Manggisingda. November of every year is hereby declared as “Buwan ng Magsasaka at Manggisingda.” All schools and relevant government offices
shall ensure suitable celebration for the month-long event.

SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Departments of Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Science and Technology, Interior and Local Government, and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and their attached offices shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. Appropriations. The amount necessary to initially implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the concerned departments and agencies for the current year. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the appropriations of the concerned departments and agencies in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,