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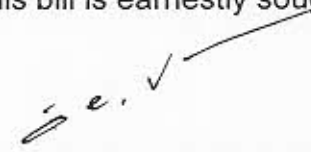
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the Constitution affirms that, "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. It shall include in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

Boy scouting and girl scouting activities have been very helpful in instilling in the youth of our generation the values of patriotism, nationalism, camaraderie, respect for the elderly and nature and social awareness. These activities have also been very effective in training the youth to become responsible, independent, resourceful and obedient citizen of our country.

This measure therefore seeks to require the local government units to adopt boy scouting and girl scouting recognition day to further encourage the youth sector to engage in these kinds of worthwhile activities. It is important that the government through the LGUs recognizes and gives merit to the boy and girl scouting influence in youth empowerment and leadership training that mold our youth to become responsible Filipino citizen and future leaders of our country.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADOPT A BOY
SCOUTING AND GIRL SCOUTING RECOGNITION DAY**

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

SECTION 1 . Declaration of Policy. – The State hereby reaffirms that the ideals, noble traditions and constructive practices of boys scouting and girl scouting are essential to the proper upbringing of the youth. For them to become useful and productive citizens, able to exercise the rights and perform their duties with honor and dedication to the service of their communities and the nation, the scouting movement is hereby encouraged and promoted.

SEC 2. Recognition Day. – It is hereby mandated that all local government units shall adopt, by appropriate proclamation of the respective local chief executives, a Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting Recognition Day to be held every year within the months of September and October, respectively.

Every province, city or municipality shall conduct appropriate programs, projects and activities to give due recognition to the achievements of, and confer honors and awards to, deserving scouts, partners and donors of the scouting movement.

SEC 3. Financial Assistance. – The sanggunians of provinces, cities and municipalities may appropriate sums of money and/or equipment as may be necessary for the holding of the annual boy scouting and girl scouting recognition days.

The support of schools, parents – teachers associations, civic organizations and citizens shall be enlisted to provide donations, in cash or in kind, or services as may be deemed expedient to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,