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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution provides that "The State shall enhance the right of teachers to professional advancement." We are all aware of the state of the teaching profession (or rather, teaching vocation) of our country. We have teachers who cross mountains and lakes every day just to serve the schools they were assigned to. We also have those who sacrifice their lives during the election season. Teachers not only educate the future of this nation with numbers and figures; they impart their students the values of an industrious, persevering Filipino. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) had set the 5th of October as the World Teachers' Day, to honor their contributions in educating the youth and serving the community. In the Philippines, however, a special day to recognize teachers had not yet been defined.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
DECLARING OCTOBER 5 OF EVERY YEAR AS “NATIONAL TEACHERS’ 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 Teachers’ Day Act of 2014.**”

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to recognize the essential role of teachers in the educational and moral advancement of the people, especially the youth, and the importance of their contribution to the development of our society.

Section 3. *Date of Celebration.* – The National Teachers’ Day shall be celebrated as a special working holiday on the fifth (5th) day of October of every year.

Section 4. *Official Celebration.* – The Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority are hereby

mandated to initiate the appropriate activities to celebrate the National Teachers' Day, including but not limited to:

- (a) Information drives all over the Philippines informing Filipinos of the importance of teachers;
- (b) Awareness sessions, like story-telling and art workshops to be conducted in the different barangays all over the Philippines to be participated in by children; and
- (c) Free medical and dental check-ups for teachers.

Section 5. *Support and Assistance of Educational Institutions.* – All public and private educational institutions in the elementary, secondary, and tertiary levels are hereby mandated to provide their full support and assistance to events and activities to be conducted by the teachers and students in recognition of the National Teachers' Day.

Section 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,