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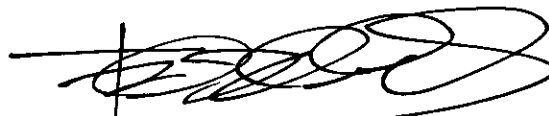
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

To outsiders, Filipino's love for basketball seems illogical as height is a crucial advantage for basketball players. However, for the love of basketball, Filipinos disregard their natural disadvantages. Filipinos love basketball no matter the odds. While basketball's popularity in the Philippines has its origins in American colonialism, Filipinos have overcome these negative facets to make basketball a uniting and community-building force in our barangays, a competitive sport in our schools, offices, and our entire country, a good source of income for our outstanding national athletes, and a healthy diversion for Filipinos of all ages.

This bill seeks to commemorate the sport of basketball and its positive impact on Filipino culture and society; promote through basketball the importance of physical activity and a healthy lifestyle across all ages; promote basketball in the local government units and educational institutions through the conduct of local and national basketball tournaments as venue for talent identification, selection and recruitment of student athletes; and institutionalize the annual celebration of a National Basketball Month in all provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays.

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



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AN ACT
DECLARING APRIL OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL MONTH

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the *National Basketball*
2 *Month.*

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – Article XIV, Section 19 of the Constitution
4 provides that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports
5 programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international
6 competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of
7 a healthy and alert citizenry.

8 Pursuant to the aforementioned mandate, it is incumbent upon the State to
9 support programs that will promote team sports such as basketball which is deemed to
10 be the most popular sport in the country and is therefore a significant tool in promoting
11 not only the physical, mental, and social well-being of the youth but also in teaching
12 important values and life skills such as sportsmanship, respect, responsibility,
13 communication, leadership, and teamwork.

14 **SEC. 3. *Objectives.***– The objectives of this Act are the following:

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- 16 a) To commemorate the sport of basketball and its positive impact on Filipino
17 culture and society;
- 18 b) To promote through basketball the importance of physical activity and a
19 healthy lifestyle across all ages;
- 20 c) To promote basketball in the local government units and educational
21 institutions through the conduct of local and national basketball tournaments
22 as venue for talent identification, selection and recruitment of student
23 athletes; and

- d) To institutionalize the annual celebration of a National Basketball Month in all provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays.

SEC. 4. National Basketball Month.- The month of April of every year is hereby declared as National Basketball Month.

SEC. 5. Program of Activities. - To ensure the meaningful observance of the National Basketball Month, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) shall, in coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Games and Amusements Board (GAB), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and concerned National Sports Association (NSA), prepare and implement an annual program of activities which shall include the following:

- a) Basketball events and activities for all ages at the local parks and community centers across the country;
- b) Inter-barangay basketball leagues or friendly games;
- c) Free basketball training, coaching, and officiating a basketball game;
- d) Exhibition or demonstration games among professional players;
- e) Paralympic basketball for persons with disabilities and para-athletes;
- f) Women's participation in basketball;
- g) Viewing parties for major basketball games; and
- h) Virtual basketball sports or e-basketball sports

SEC. 6. Duties and Responsibilities of Concerned Government Agencies.-
The following agencies shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) The PSC shall, in coordination with the POC, GAB, and concerned NSA, formulate and implement the annual program of activities for the National Basketball Month and ensure the continuity of its promotion and development;
- b) The DepEd shall be responsible for raising awareness and promoting the benefits of basketball by integrating the sport in the physical education activities in the primary and secondary levels, encouraging the schools to host basketball clinics, and ensuring that school facilities and equipment are available to promote the sports;
- c) The CHED shall promote collegiate basketball leagues in the tertiary level, especially among the athletic associations, by incorporating basketball in the physical education classes, encouraging tertiary schools to host basketball leagues, tournaments, inter-collegiate basketball competitions, and providing the needed facilities and equipment to promote the sport;

d) The DILG shall direct all local government units to formulate programs to promote basketball within their respective localities and to coordinate, cooperate and support the plans, programs, and activities of concerned government agencies in observance of the annual celebration of the National Basketball Month; and

e) The concerned NSA shall provide technical support, including the training of teachers, coaches, and officiating of the game.

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The PSC shall, in coordination with the DILG, DepEd, CHED, and concerned NSA, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. - If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,