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AN ACT

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS THE NATIONAL
BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Bullying Awareness and
Prevention Month Act."

SEC. 2. The month of September of each year is hereby declared the "National
Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month" to raise public awareness about bullying
prevention and to underscore the importance of protecting children and youth from
abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other harmful conditions, with the goal of promoting
safe learning environments and ensuring equitable access to quality education for all.

SEC. 3. In observance of the "National Bullying Awareness and Prevention
Month," an annual program of activities shall be prepared and implemented by the
Department of Education (DepEd), in collaboration with the National Youth
Commission (NYC) and the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC). The DepEd,
NYC, and CWC are authorized to request assistance from other government
departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, or instrumentalities, including government-
owned or -controlled corporations, as necessary to effectively carry out the objectives
of this Act.

The DepEd shall oversee awareness-raising activities on bullying prevention,
as well as the prevention of other forms of abuse, cruelty, and exploitation against
children, in all public and private elementary and high schools nationwide.

SEC. 4. The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) shall, in collaboration with the
DepEd, NYC, and CWC, ensure the effective dissemination of information regarding
this Act.

1 **SEC. 5.** All local government units, private organizations, civil society groups,
2 non-governmental organizations, and people's organizations are encouraged to
3 observe the "National Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month" through simple
4 ceremonies and actively participate in related activities.
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6 **SEC. 6.** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DepEd shall,
7 in consultation with the NYC, CWC, PIA, and other concerned agencies, issue the
8 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
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10 **SEC. 7.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which
11 are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
12 accordingly.
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14 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
15 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,