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AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 4 TO 10 AS NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 Human Rights Consciousness Week Act of 2002**".

SEC. 2. December 4 to 10 is hereby declared as National Human Rights Consciousness Week in the country.

SEC. 3. All government agencies, including government-owned and-controlled corporations, shall celebrate the week through simple and appropriate ceremonies and activities to make the people aware of their basic human rights in relation to the functions and services offered by these government instrumentalities.

SEC. 4. All levels of education/learning institutions, both public and private, shall celebrate the week through simple and appropriate ceremonies and activities to propagate, particularly among the students, a human rights culture that aims at sustainable development in the country.

SEC. 5. A national committee - Chairperson;
composed of the following shall take
the lead in the preparation and
implementation of the guidelines on
how to celebrate the week through
simple and appropriate ceremonies
and activities: (1) Chairperson of the
Commission on Human Rights

(2) Chairperson of the Civil Service - Vice-
Commission Chairperson;

(3) One (1) representative from each of the following government agencies as members:

- (a) Department of Education;
- (b) Department of National Defense;
- (c) Department of Justice;
- (d) Department of Social Welfare and Development;
- (e) Department of Foreign Affairs;
- (f) Department of Labor and Employment;
- (g) Department of the Interior and Local Government;
- (h) Philippine National Police

(4) One (1) representative each from two (2) human rights nongovernment organizations as members, to be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.