

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11522, February 05, 2021**]

AN ACT DECLARING MAY 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

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

SECTION 1. *National Higher Education Day.* - The eighteenth (18th) day of May of every year is hereby declared as the "National Higher Education Day" in commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

To ensure a meaningful observance of this special working day as herein declared, all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, local government units, public and private educational institutions, employers in the private sector, and industry associations, shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their students or employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their schools, offices or establishments in celebration of the "National Higher Education Day".

SEC. 2. *Lead Agency.* - The CHED shall be the lead agency in charge of the preparation and implementation of its annual program of activities and advocacy program for the observance of the "National Higher Education Day".

All higher education institutions shall also provide full support and assistance to the preparation of the annual program of activities and events to be conducted by CHED in observance of the event pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,

(SGD.) **LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO**
*Speaker of the House
of Representatives*

(SGD.) **VICENTE M. SOTTO III**
President of the Senate

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 1216 on August 19, 2020 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 4851 on November 16, 2020.