

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10398, March 19, 2013]

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN"

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

SECTION 1. In recognition of the need to establish a comprehensive and structured campaign for national consciousness on anti-violence against women, November 25 of every year is hereby declared as the "National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children".

SEC. 2. The following activities shall be undertaken in observance of this occasion:

(a) Heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, government-owned and -controlled corporations, local government units and employers in the private sector shall, together with their employees, organize, engage or participate in activities designed to raise public awareness on the problem of violence, and the elimination of all forms of violence, against women and children.

(b) The Philippine Information Agency shall be mandated to allocate a minimum of one (1) hour airtime for programs exclusively raising public awareness on the problem of violence against women and children and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and children. Relative thereto, all television and radio networks nationwide are encouraged to allocate airtime for the said programs.

(c) Publishers of local newspapers and magazines are encouraged to highlight the problem of violence, and the elimination of all forms of violence, against women and children.

(d) The Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, in coordination with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development, women nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and other NGOs and people's organizations advocating for women's and children's human rights, shall lead public and private school communities at all levels in organizing consciousness-raising activities on the problem of violence, and the elimination of all forms of violence, against women and children.

SEC. 3. The National Statistics Office, the Philippine National Police, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Foreign Affairs and all Philippine embassies and consulates shall, in coordination with the PCW, undertake the data gathering and systematization of a database on all forms of violence against women and children, including Filipino women and children working and/or residing abroad. These agencies shall