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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE UTMOST SUPPORT OF THE  
SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE YEARLY CELEBRATION  
OF WORLD TEACHER'S DAY ON OCTOBER 5**

**WHEREAS**, World Teacher's Day, celebrated annually on October 5 since 1994 to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the 1966 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and International Labour Organization (ILO) Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers<sup>1</sup>, epitomizes the vital role played by teachers in the lives of our children and the children of tomorrow;

**WHEREAS**, the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers sets forth the rights and responsibilities of teachers, and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, teaching, and learning conditions<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 World Teacher's Day will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) that recognizes education as a key fundamental right and establishes an entitlement to free compulsory education ensuring inclusive and equitable access for all children<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher," has been chosen to remind the global community that

<sup>1</sup> World Teachers' Day 2018 International Conference. Retrieved from <https://en.unesco.org/events/world-teachers-day-2018-right-education-means-right-qualified-teacher> on September 26, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (1966). Retrieved from [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_dialogue/---sector/documents/normativeinstrument/wcms\\_493315.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_dialogue/---sector/documents/normativeinstrument/wcms_493315.pdf) on September 26, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> *Supra* at Note 1.

1 the right to education cannot be achieved without the right to trained and  
2 qualified teachers<sup>4</sup>;

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4 **WHEREAS**, *Article XIV, Section 5(4)* of the Constitution provides that  
5 “[t]he State shall enhance the right of teachers to professional advancement.  
6 xxx;”

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8 **WHEREAS**, the State recognizes the vital role of teachers in nation-  
9 building, specifically towards moulding an able, responsible, and literate  
10 citizenry, and acknowledges that advancement in education depends on the  
11 qualifications and ability of the teaching staff. These are the underlying  
12 policies in Republic Act No. 4670 or the “Magna Carta for Public School  
13 Teachers” and Republic Act No. 7836 or the “Philippine Teachers  
14 Professionalization Act of 1994”;

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16 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, President Benigno S. Aquino III issued  
17 Proclamation No. 242 declaring the period from September 5 to October 5 of  
18 every year as “National Teachers’ Month” for the purposes of generating  
19 widespread awareness and support for World Teachers’ Day here in the  
20 Philippines and to revitalize the image of teaching as a vocation by increasing  
21 public awareness on the value of teachers in Philippine society and national  
22 development;

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24 **WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines joins the global community  
25 in extolling all teachers for their dedication and commitment, and thanking  
26 them for their unique role in guiding families as well as future leaders of our  
27 nation, instilling values in our children that strengthen our sense of  
28 community, thereby serving as vital pillars of nation-building; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, the Senate of the Philippines assures its unwavering  
31 support for the well-being of our teachers and renews its commitment to  
32 enhance the right of teachers to professional advancement in accordance with  
33 the Constitution;

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35 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved,  
36 that the Senate of the Philippines express its full support for the celebration of  
37 the 2018 World Teachers’ Day on October 5.

*Adopted,*

  
**AQUILINO “KOKO” PIMENTEL III**

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid.