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AN ACT

DECLARING APRIL OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL MONTH

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

1           **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the *National Basketball*  
2 *Month.*

3           **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – Article XIV, Section 19 of the Constitution  
4 provides that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports  
5 programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international  
6 competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of  
7 a healthy and alert citizenry.

8           Pursuant to the aforementioned mandate, it is incumbent upon the State to  
9 support programs that will promote team sports such as basketball which is deemed to  
10 be the most popular sport in the country and is therefore a significant tool in promoting  
11 not only the physical, mental, and social well-being of the youth but also in teaching  
12 important values and life skills such as sportsmanship, respect, responsibility,  
13 communication, leadership, and teamwork.

1           **SEC. 3. Objectives.** – The objectives of this Act are the following:

- 2           (a) To commemorate the sport of basketball and its positive impact on Filipino  
3           culture and society;
- 4           (b) To promote through basketball the importance of physical activity and a  
5           healthy lifestyle across all ages;
- 6           (c) To promote basketball in the local government units and educational  
7           institutions through the conduct of local and national basketball tournaments  
8           as venue for talent identification, selection and recruitment of student  
9           athletes; and
- 10          (d) To institutionalize the annual celebration of a National Basketball Month in  
11          all provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays.

12           **SEC. 4. National Basketball Month.** – The month of April of every year is hereby  
13          declared as National Basketball Month.

14           **SEC. 5. Program of Activities.** – To ensure the meaningful observance of the  
15          National Basketball Month, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) shall, in  
16          coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), Department of Education  
17          (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Games and Amusements Board  
18          (GAB), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and concerned  
19          National Sports Association (NSA), prepare and implement an annual program of  
20          activities which shall include the following:

- 21          (a) Basketball events and activities for all ages at the local parks and community  
22          centers across the country;
- 23          (b) Inter-barangay basketball leagues or friendly games;
- 24          (c) Free basketball training, coaching, and officiating a basketball game;
- 25          (d) Exhibition or demonstration games among professional players;
- 26          (e) Paralympic basketball for persons with disabilities and para-athletes;
- 27          (f) Women’s participation in basketball;
- 28          (g) Viewing parties for major basketball games; and
- 29          (h) Virtual basketball sports or e-basketball sports.

30           **SEC. 6. Duties and Responsibilities of Concerned Government Agencies.** –  
31          The following agencies shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- 32          (a) The PSC shall, in coordination with the POC, GAB, and concerned NSA,  
33          formulate and implement the annual program of activities for the National  
34          Basketball Month and ensure the continuity of its promotion and  
35          development;

- 1 (b) The DepEd shall be responsible for raising awareness and promoting the  
2 benefits of basketball by integrating the sport in the physical education  
3 activities in the primary and secondary levels, encouraging the schools to  
4 host basketball clinics, and ensuring that school facilities and equipment are  
5 available to promote the sports;
- 6 (c) The CHED shall promote collegiate basketball leagues in the tertiary level,  
7 especially among the athletic associations, by incorporating basketball in the  
8 physical education classes, encouraging tertiary schools to host basketball  
9 leagues, tournaments, inter-collegiate basketball competitions, and providing  
10 the needed facilities and equipment to promote the sport;
- 11 (d) The DILG shall direct all local government units to formulate programs to  
12 promote basketball within their respective localities and to coordinate,  
13 cooperate and support the plans, programs, and activities of concerned  
14 government agencies in observance of the annual celebration of the National  
15 Basketball Month; and
- 16 (e) The concerned NSA shall provide technical support, including the training of  
17 teachers, coaches, and officiating of the game.

18 **SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The PSC shall, in coordination  
19 with the DILG, DepEd, CHED, and concerned NSA, promulgate the rules and  
20 regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its  
21 effectivity.

22 **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or  
23 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and  
24 effect.

25 **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules  
26 and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed  
27 amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

28 **SEC. 10. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
29 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,