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DepEd ORDER
No. **31**, s. 2003

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

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of the Republic Act No. 9201 approved and signed last April 1, 2003 by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is desired.


EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

Manicar/do-Nat. Human Rights
04-24-03

Encl.:
As stated

Reference:
DepEd Memorandum: No. 264, s. 2002
Allotment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

CELEBRATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS
POLICY

(Enclosure to DepEd Order No. 31, s. 2003)

H. No. 4526
S. No. 2413

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila
Twelfth Congress
Second Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second day
of July, two thousand two.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9201]

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

Approved,

Franklin M. Drilon
FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

Jose De Venecia Jr.
JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

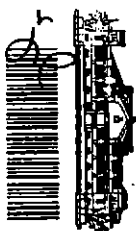
This Act which is a consolidation of House Bill No. 4526 and Senate Bill No. 2413 was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on January 13, 2003 and December 3, 2002, respectively.

Oscar G. Yabes
OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

Robert P. Nazareno
ROBERT P. NAZARENO
Secretary General
House of Representatives

Approved: APR 01 2003

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
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