



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education


26 MAY 2022

DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **048**, s. 2022

DISSEMINATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11699
(An Act Declaring August 30 of Every Year as National Press Freedom Day
and for Other Purposes)

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Republic Act No. 11699 dated April 13, 2022, titled **An Act Declaring August 30 of Every Year as National Press Freedom Day and for Other Purposes.**
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


ANNALYN M. SEVILLA
Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Encl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

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under the following subjects:

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S. No. 670
H. No. 9182

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila

Eighteenth Congress

Third Regular Session

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

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. **11699**]

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 30 OF EVERY YEAR
AS "NATIONAL PRESS FREEDOM DAY" AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. August 30 of every year is hereby declared
as "National Press Freedom Day", a working holiday, in honor
of Marcelo H. Del Pilar, the father of Philippine Journalism,
who wrote under the pen name "Plaridel", and who was born
on August 30, 1850.

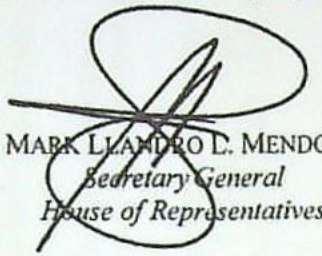
SEC. 2. To ensure the meaningful observance and
celebration of National Press Freedom Day, all government
agencies and instrumentalities, the Armed Forces of the

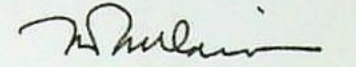
Philippine National Police, government-owned corporations, local government units, as well as employees to engage and participate in any related activities conducted in the premises of their respective establishments.

The Department of Education (DepEd), the Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in coordination with the Office of the President (OP), government and private organizations, shall lead public and private efforts at all levels in organizing consciousness-raising campaigns on the importance of the press, their rights and social responsibilities, and the elimination of all forms of violence against journalists.

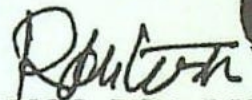
This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 670 on January 31, 2022 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 9182 on February 2, 2022.


MARK LLANDRO L. MENDOZA
*Secretary General
House of Representatives*

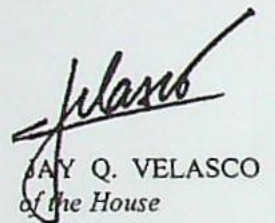

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate

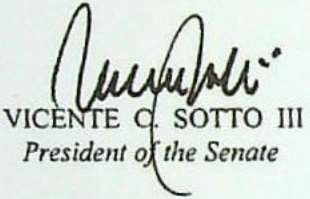
Approved: APR 13 2022



RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
President of the Philippines



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JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker of the House of Representatives


VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

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