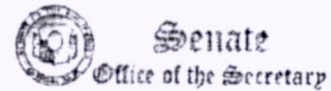


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**AN ACT
DESIGNATING THE 3RD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER ANNUALLY AS THE
PHILIPPINE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS,
SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The World Health Organization Global Road Safety Report shows that yearly 1.24 million deaths are added to the countless already suffering in past years as the result of road crash.

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was started by Road Peace in 1993 in the United Kingdom and organized since then by nongovernmental organizations in a number of countries. Since then it has been observed and promoted worldwide by several NGOs, including the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) and its associated organizations.

The United Nations General Assembly, in its 64th Session last March 2, 2010 passed Resolution 64/255 entitled "Improving Global Road Safety", which encourages Member States to continue to strengthen their commitment to road safety, including the observance of the "World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims" on the 3rd Sunday of November every year. The Philippines, as co-author of this United Nations General Assembly Resolution and as a Member of the Family of Nations, shall recognize the "World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims" as an opportunity

to express its concern over the continuing rise in road traffic casualties, and its intention to partner with the private sector to address this growing malady.

This proposed measure seeks to declare the 3rd Sunday of November of each year as the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors and Families. Giving significance to the "World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims" shall convey the importance the Government accords to the task of reducing road traffic casualties. This bill mainly derives inspiration from the collective human experience of the Families of Road Victims and Survivors Association Philippines, a civil society organization formed in May 2011 that is firmly committed towards humanitarian service to countless victims of road incidents.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this measure is sought.



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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 Day of**
2 **Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors and Families.**"

3 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to ensure
4 the protection and safety of its people from any form of road hazards and to value
5 human lives by way of remembering the victims of road crashes and recognizing the
6 sufferings of their affected families and communities. Toward this end, the State shall
7 raise the awareness of the people on the causes, consequences, and costs of road
8 deaths and injuries, and for the strengthening of road safety advocacy to prevent such
9 incidents.

10 **SECTION 3. Commemoration Day.** – Every 3rd Sunday of November of
11 each year is hereby declared as the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash
12 Victims, Survivors and Families.

13 **SECTION 4. Activities.** – To ensure the meaningful observance of the day as
14 herein declared, the activities shall be undertaken under each province including, but
15 not limited to:

- 16 a) Special commemoration to remember all road crash victims by way of
17 religious mass services and flower laying ceremonies;
18 b) Special blood donation campaign as coordinated through the Department of
19 Health, Philippine Blood Center, and the Philippine Red Cross;
20 c) Special recognition day for emergency/rescue personnel, volunteers, and
21 stakeholders;

- d) Public awareness campaign, solidarity march, and road safety summit;
- e) Information dissemination via government agencies and websites;
- f) Database registry of road crash victims, survivors, and families with Philippine National Police.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Agencies.* – The Department of Transportation (DOTR) in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Philippine Information Agency, Philippine National Police, and local government units shall establish a program for the meaningful commemoration of the Memorial Day. It may also call upon other government agencies and non-government organizations to assist in its preparation and full implementation of the activities.

Section 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. *Repealing Clause.* - Any provision of laws, orders, agreements, rules or regulations contrary to and inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,