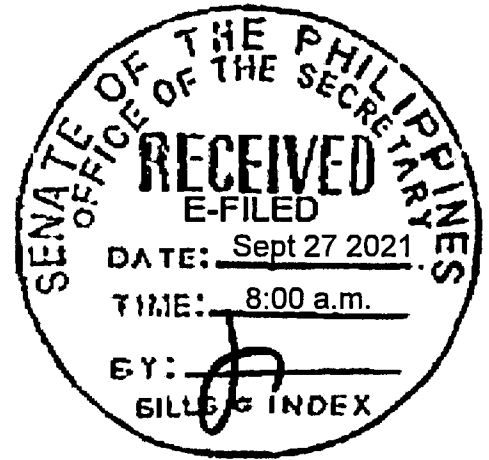


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Introduced by Senators SONNY ANGARA, RICHARD J. GORDON, JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI, GRACE POE, MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY, JOEL VILLANUEVA and WIN GATCHALIAN

RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTION AND SACRIFICES OF FILIPINO PHYSICIANS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE AND TO CELEBRATE THEIR DEDICATION IN SERVICE THIS NATIONAL PHYSICIANS' DAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2021

1 WHEREAS, the Philippines, along with other nations of the world, continue to
2 battle the Coronavirus disease-19 (COVID-19) that has infected 221 countries and
3 territories, claiming over 4.7 million lives since the spread of the virus in December
4 2019, according to statistics of the World Health Organization, as of 24 September
5 2021. In the Philippines alone, the number of infected reached 2.4 million as of
6 writing. Of this figure, 25,336 health care workers have contracted the disease and
7 105 have lost their lives while performing their sworn duty;

8 WHEREAS, the pandemic has only underscored the importance of our
9 Physicians, as they have constantly played a valuable role—from the onset of the
10 pandemic when they bravely attended to the sick with very limited information on
11 COVID-19 until today when the country is rolling out a national vaccination program
12 and they are key players in monitoring and administering the vaccines;

13 WHEREAS, in celebration of the 43rd National Physicians' Day on September
14 27, it is right and fitting that the Senate recognizes their massive contribution
15 towards helping the government and the Filipino people throughout this
16 unprecedented pandemic. Despite the overwhelming responsibilities and risks they
17 face each day, our hardworking Physicians still manage to continue their invaluable
18 service for the country;

1 WHEREAS, our physicians do not only suffer physical fatigue due to long
2 work-hours wearing enclosed suits or Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that are
3 often restrictive or uncomfortable, but also emotional stress for not seeing their
4 families and loved ones for long periods of time. They also endure immense
5 psychological anxiety from seeing the demise of patients every now and then;

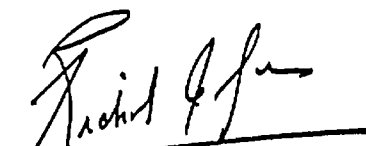
6 WHEREAS, in the current pandemic, our Physicians are the most vulnerable
7 ones as being the frontliners for almost two years already. Physicians make the
8 ultimate sacrifice in this COVID-19 Pandemic for both curing the disease and
9 accepting risks each and every day;

10 WHEREAS, our Filipino Physicians and other health workers who deserve to
11 be called "modern heroes," should be given the appropriate praises and recognition
12 for offering their lives and providing succor to our kababayans who are in dire need
13 of medical help;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE, as it is
15 hereby resolved, to acknowledge and honor the insurmountable aid given tirelessly
16 by our Filipino Physicians and just in time for the celebration of the Physicians' Day.

Adopted,


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