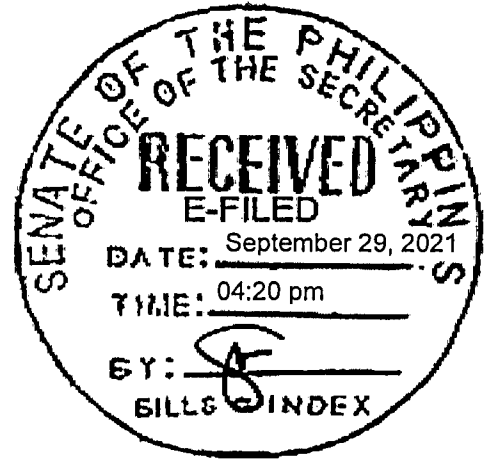


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

COVID-19 pandemic struck the globe drastically causing health, economic and social disruption. Worldwide, there is a dramatic loss of human life, including many pandemic frontliners.

Pandemic frontliners are the heroes of this global health crisis. In the context of risk and sacrifices to deliver the essential services, they are the forefronts and the first contact to the enemy. In the war against COVID-19, frontliners are the armies gunning unseen enemies with their PPE (personal protective equipment) as armor.

COVID-19 claimed many lives. Some frontliners were not even given the benefits they deserve. Now, more than ever, we need more frontline workers to help protect the populace.

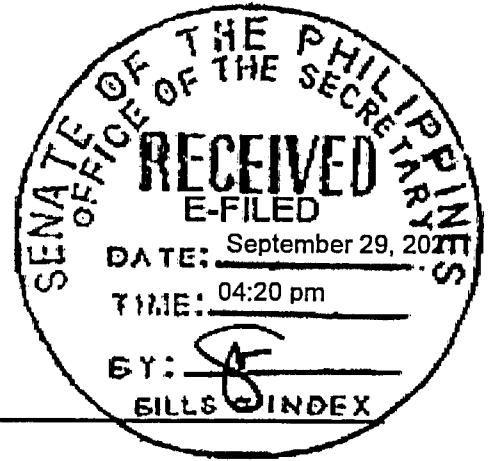
The noble sacrifices of our frontline workers to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic will be remembered perpetually. Thus, to honor our modern-day heroes, a synchronous commemoration of the contribution of our pandemic frontliners shall be observed during the National Heroes' Day.

The swift passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

- 1 **Section 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as Pandemic Frontliners' Day.
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- 3 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The State recognizes the vital role of pandemic frontliners in
4 the protection and promotion of the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness
5 among Filipinos.
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- 7 **Sec. 3. Observance of Pandemic Frontliners' Day.** – To ensure the meaningful observance of
8 the National Pandemic Frontliners' Day during the national heroes day, all national government
9 agencies, local government units, including private, non-government organizations and civil
10 service organizations, are encouraged to organize, participate and engage in ceremonies in their
11 localities, communities, offices or establishments to honor our modern heroes battling the
12 pandemic.
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- 14 **Sec. 4. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
15 the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,