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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR  
AS THE "NATIONAL FRONTLINERS MONTH" IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

As we still face the continuing challenges brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, the significant contributions and important role of frontline workers to overcoming the dangers of a disease outbreak have been highlighted and magnified a hundredfold.

We have seen the courage, strength and commendable efforts of our frontline workers, especially our local government units (LGU) and barangay officials and employees, in relentlessly fighting the challenges of protecting and serving our communities. Most Filipinos were kept out of harm's ways - safe at home and were able to continue working and being with loved ones - because our frontline workers - the healthcare workers, food delivery drivers, supermarket workers, restaurant cooks, security guards, agriculture and fisheries workers, garbage collectors, bank employees, logistics workers, energy, water and other utility employees, police and military personnel, social workers, media people, and LGU and barangay workers — to name a few, have been working selflessly during this pandemic, reporting to their



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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 the " The National  
2 Frontliners Month Act ".

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4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - In recognition of Filipino heroism through  
5 the hard work and sacrifices of our frontline workers, the month of June of every  
6 year is hereby declared as the "National Frontliners Month."

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8 SEC. 3. *Objectives of the Policy.* - The National Frontliners Month aims  
9 to:

- 10 a. Recognize the significant contributions of frontline workers, such as
- 11 the healthcare workers, pharmacists, energy, water and other utility
- 12 sector employees, logistic workers, storekeepers, grocery and delivery
- 13 workers, bank employees, security guards, garbage collectors, media
- 14 people, social workers, police and military personnel, local government
- 15 unit employees, barangay officials, government workers, and other

1           frontline workers, in providing basic services for the essential needs of  
2           the public, especially during a pandemic and other crises;  
3           b. Highlight the heroism of our frontline workers in protecting public  
4           welfare and keeping the country going during times of calamities,  
5           disasters and other crises;  
6           c. Give distinction to major and commendable efforts, response and  
7           measures undertaken by our frontline workers, particularly our local  
8           government unit and barangay officials and employees; and  
9           d. Institutionalize the annual celebration that gives honor to our frontline  
10          workers for their essential role and heroic response to the needs of the  
11          Filipino people.

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13           SEC. 4. *Lead Agencies.* - The Department of Health (DOH), the  
14          Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and the Department of Interior  
15          and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Civil Service Commission  
16          (CSC) and other government agencies, are mandated to conduct activities and  
17          programs that promote the principles and values espoused by our frontline  
18          workers as well as those that underscore, honor and/or reward our frontline  
19          workers on their essential role in nation building, and for their significant  
20          contribution in protecting public welfare.

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22           SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the  
23          provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the  
24          year following its enactment into law, and every year thereafter, as may be  
25          necessary.

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27           SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days  
28          from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH, DOLE, DILG, and the CSC shall  
29          promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations (IRR) to  
30          implement the provisions of this Act. Such IRR shall take effect immediately  
31          thereafter.

1           SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared  
2 invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in  
3 full force and effect.

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5           SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive  
6 orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof  
7 contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
8 accordingly.

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10           SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
11 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
12 Philippines.

*Approved,*