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**PROCLAIMING FIREFIGHTERS' RECOGNITION DAY**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to recognize the invaluable contribution of the firefighters. Firefighters extraordinarily risk their lives to save others from by fires and other life-threatening situations and is considered one of the most dangerous professions worldwide.

In fact, in line of their duty, firefighters carry on with their service despite experiencing personal/medical concerns while on duty. The same scenario happened to Senior Fire Officer Ramon Quiapon, Jr. who died due to hypertension while responding to a fire incident in Polangui, Albay early this year. Many firefighters had already given their lives for public service which deserves the highest honor and praise.

Given the utmost dedication of firefighters to public service, it is only appropriate to dedicate a day to honor their service to the country. This day will provide an opportunity to recognize the important contribution of our firefighters made to preserve our safety and well-being.

For this reason, I recommend the approval of this bill.

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

1 Section 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known and cited as the “Firefighters  
2 Recognition Day”.

3 Sec. 2. It is hereby declared that the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of March be permanently  
4 designated as the “Firefighters Recognition Day”.

5 Sec. 3. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall urge  
6 all citizens to recognize “Firefighters Recognition Day” and shall hold programs and  
7 activities in observance of the event.

8 Sec. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DILG in consultation with  
9 the Bureau of Fire Protection shall promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations  
10 necessary for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its  
11 approval.

12 Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
13 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary  
14 to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modifies or  
15 amended accordingly.

16            *Sec. 6. Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
17 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
18 circulation.

*Approved,*