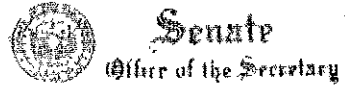


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Fire fighting is known as one of the most dangerous professions. Firefighters working on behalf of the people of the Philippines are called upon to take extraordinary risks every day in order to protect the public from the dangers posed by fires and other life-threatening situations. Many firefighters have given their lives in the performance of their duties.

Given the enormous commitment which the firefighters in the country have demonstrated repeatedly, it is appropriate to proclaim a memorial day to commemorate those firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty. This day will provide an opportunity for all to honor and recognize the important contribution our firefighters made to preserving our safety and well-being.

I therefore recommend the approval of this bill.

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**AN ACT TO PROCLAIM
FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

*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' Memorial Day*
- 2 *Act*".
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- 4 SEC. 2. *Memorial Day Designation*. - The first Sunday of March is permanently
- 5 designated as "*Firefighters' Memorial Day*" in the Philippines.
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- 7 SEC. 3. *Activities for Memorial Day*. - The Department of Interior and Local
- 8 Government (DILG) shall urge all citizens to recognize "*Firefighters' Memorial Day*" and
- 9 shall hold programs and activities in observance of the event.
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- 11 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. - The DILG in consultation with the
- 12 Bureau of Fire Protection shall promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations
- 13 necessary for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its
- 14 approval.
- 15
- 16 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause* .- Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order,
- 17 letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
- 18 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.
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- 20 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
- 21 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
- 22 circulation.
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- 24 Approved,