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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN
THE OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD AIDS DAY 2018

1 WHEREAS, World AIDS Day takes place on the 1st December each year. It's
2 an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show
3 support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from
4 an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global
5 health day¹;

6 WHEREAS, World AIDS Day originated at the 1988 World Summit of Ministers
7 of Health on Programmes for AIDS Prevention. Since then, every year United Nations
8 agencies, governments and civil society join together to campaign around specific
9 themes related to AIDS²;

10 WHEREAS, World AIDS Day 2018 theme encourages everyone to know their
11 HIV status³;

12 WHEREAS, UNAIDS is leading the global effort to end AIDS as a public health
13 threat by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals⁴;

14 WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and
15 government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money,
16 increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education⁵;

¹ World AIDS Day Website, About World AIDS Day, <https://www.worldaidsday.org/about/>

² UNAIDS Website, World AIDS Day 2018 theme encourages everyone to know their HIV status, http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2018/september/20180917_WAD_theme

³ Ibid.

⁴ UNAIDS Website, About UNAIDS, <http://www.unaids.org/en/whoweare/about>

17 WHEREAS, the first case of HIV infection in the Philippines was reported in
18 1984. Since then, there have been 52,280 confirmed HIV cases reported to the
19 HIV/AIDS & ART REGISTRY OF THE PHILIPPINES (HARP)⁶;

20 WHEREAS, a total of 2,511 deaths due to any cause among people with HIV
21 in the Philippines were reported from January 1984 to February 2018⁷;

22 WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is an opportunity to show solidarity with the
23 millions of people living with HIV worldwide. Most people do this by wearing an HIV
24 awareness red ribbon on the day⁸;

25 WHEREAS, the Philippines supports the observance of the World AIDS Day
26 2018, as it shares the vision of raising awareness about the importance of knowing
27 one's status and calling for the removal of all barriers to accessing HIV testing;

28 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the
29 Philippines expresses its full support in the observance of the World AIDS Day 2018.

Adopted,


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⁵ Supra [Citation 1]

⁶ Department of Health Website, HIV/AIDS & ART REGISTRY OF THE PHILIPPINES (FEBRUARY 2018), https://www.doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/statistics/EB_HIV_February_AIDSreg2018.pdf

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Supra [Citation 1]