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AN ACT
DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER AS THE PHILIPPINE
DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS AND
FAMILIES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that 1.2 million individuals die every year due to road traffic crashes. In the Philippines, road crash is now the Number One cause of death amongst teenagers aged 15-19.

Pursuant to the country's mandate of promoting the well-being of its citizens, it is the policy of the State to protect public health and promote travel safety. Initiatives from across countries and regions have been put forward to increase awareness and to strengthen commitment to road safety.

Last March 2010, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution entitled "Improving Global Road Safety". This includes the observance of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on the third Sunday of November every year. The Philippines is a co-author of this UN General Assembly Resolution. Per Presidential Proclamation 2092, this is an opportunity for the country to express its concern over the continuing rise in road traffic casualties, and its

intention to partner with the private sector and civil society to address this growing malady.

This bill seeks to establish the Philippine Remembrance Day for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and their Families every third Sunday of November of each year. This is to raise awareness of the enormous scale and impact of road deaths and injuries, to remember the many millions killed or injured in road crashes, and to pay tribute to the dedicated emergency crews, police & medical professionals who deal daily with the traumatic aftermath of road death & injury.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought to demonstrate the urgent need for concerted effort to improve road safety.


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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Road Crash Victims
2 *Remembrance Day.*"

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to nurture a
4 Filipino society that is aware of the causes, consequences, and costs of road crash
5 deaths and injuries and that values human lives by way of remembering the victims
6 of road crashes, recognizing the sufferings of their affected families and
7 communities and advocating for the improvement of the Philippine road safety
8 situation to prevent the loss of more lives.

9 Sec. 3. *Commemoration Day.* – Every third Sunday of November of each
10 year is hereby declared as the "Philippine Day of Remembrance for Road Crash
11 Victims, Survivors, and their Families" in accordance with Resolution No 64/255
12 March 2 2010 of United Nations General Assembly.

13 Sec. 4. *Mandatory Activities.* – To ensure the meaningful observance of the
14 National Day of Remembrance as herein declared, the Department of

1 Transportation (DOTr), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local
2 Government (DILG), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation
3 Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and the Metropolitan Manila
4 Development Authority (MMDA), shall ensure the implementation of the following
5 programs and activities:

6 (a) Commemorative ceremonies, including flower-laying activities,
7 candlelight vigil, solidarity march and special assemblies, shall be
8 observed in provinces, cities and municipalities nationwide for road
9 crash victims and survivors, involving their families and support groups.
10 As a sign of support, local government units (LGUs) are encouraged to
11 put up memorials and tributes in strategic local public spaces or road
12 networks to commemorate the lives that were lost and those injured in
13 order to promote road safety to the public;

14 (b) Special recognition shall be given to public officers, private
15 stakeholders, volunteers and organizations who are instrumental in
16 saving lives or supporting victims, survivors and their families who are
17 involved in road crashes;

18 (c) In coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of
19 Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Justice (DOJ)
20 and other agencies concerned, the DOTr shall conduct multi-sectoral
21 symposia, conferences or consultations that focus on: (1) how to
22 improve the trauma care system and emotional support programs given
23 to victims, survivors and their families; (2) how to improve the legal
24 response, including resolution of pending cases and investigations and
25 immediate compensation of victims and/or their families; and, (3) how
26 to improve the road safety situation by addressing the key risk factors
27 to prevent the occurrence of similar road crash incidents;

28 (d) The DOTr, with the assistance of other government agencies and
29 private stakeholders, shall conduct public awareness campaigns that

1 provide a platform to victims and survivors of road crashes, including
2 their families, to advocate for road safety;

3 (e) Flag-raising ceremonies in government offices on the day or the week
4 immediately of the National Day of Remembrance shall be dedicated to
5 road crash victims, survivors and their families, and shall provide a
6 platform for bereaved or affected employees to advocate the need for
7 road safety; and

8 (f) Other related programs and activities as may be determined in the
9 Implementing Rules and Regulations.

10 Sec. 5. *DOTr as Lead Agency.* – The DOTr shall be the lead agency in the
11 meaningful observance of the National Day of Remembrance each year. In
12 collaboration with public and private stakeholders, national and/or local steering
13 committees may also be created for the effective observance of the said event.

14 Sec. 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount needed for the initial implementation
15 of this Act shall be taken from the current fiscal year’s appropriation of the
16 Department of Transportation and other appropriations available for the purpose.
17 Thereafter, the amount needed for all activities provided in this Act shall be
18 included in the Annual general Appropriations Act.

19 Sec. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOTr, in collaboration
20 with the DILG, LTO, LTFRB, MMDA, other agencies and stakeholders concerned,
21 shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the
22 effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of
23 this Act.

24 Sec. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision, section or part of this Act
25 shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
26 invalidate or impair any other provisions, sections or parts hereof.

1 Sec. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
2 regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
3 repealed or modified accordingly.

4 Sec. 10. *Grievance Mechanism.* – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
5 following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in
6 the Official Gazette.

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8 *Approved,*