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AN ACT
DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

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 as the "National Day of
2 Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Their Families Act".

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the national government to
4 ensure the protection and safety of its people from any form of road hazards and to
5 value human lives by way of remembering the victims of road crashes and
6 recognizing the sufferings of their affected families and communities. Toward this
7 end, a National Week of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and
8 Families must be declared to raise the awareness of the people on the causes,
9 consequences, and costs of road deaths and injuries, and for the strengthening of
10 advocacy to prevent such traumatic incidents and promote road safety through a
11 collaborative platform that brings together various sector stakeholders.

12 Sec. 3. *National Day of Remembrance.* – Every third Sunday of November of
13 each year is hereby declared as the "National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash
14 Victims, Survivors, and Their Families".

15 Sec. 4. *Mandatory Activities.* – To ensure the meaningful observance of the
16 National day of Remembrance as herein declared, the Department of Transportation
17 (DOTr), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government

1 (DILG), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and
2 Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA),
3 shall ensure the implementation of the following programs and activities:

4 (a) Commemorative ceremonies, including wreath-laying offerings, candlelight
5 vigil, solidarity march and special assemblies, shall be observed in provinces,
6 cities and municipalities nationwide for road crash victims and survivors,
7 involving their families and support groups.

8 As a sign of support, local government units (LGUs) are encouraged to put up
9 memorials and tributes in strategic local public spaces or road networks to
10 commemorate the lives that were lost and/or injured and to promote road
11 safety to the public;

12 (b) Special blood donation campaign per LGU as coordinated through the
13 Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Blood Center (PBC), and the
14 Philippine Red Cross (PRC) in the area;

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

18 (d) Special inter faith and inter religious commemoration in all local government
19 offices and police stations;

20 (e) In coordination with the Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare
21 and Development, Department of Justice and other concerned agencies, the
22 DOTr shall conduct multisectoral symposia, conferences or consultations
23 focusing on: (1) how to improve the trauma care system and emotional
24 support programs given to victims, survivors, and their families;

25 (2) how to improve the legal response, including resolution of pending cases
26 and investigations and immediate compensation of victims and/or their
27 families; and (3) how to improve the road safety situation by addressing the
28 key risk factors to prevent the occurrence of similar road crash incidents;

29 (f) Public awareness campaign, solidarity march, and road safety advocacy
30 programs and services;

31 (g) The flag-raising ceremonies in government offices the day or week
32 immediately after the "National day of Remembrance" shall be dedicated to

1 road crash victims, survivors, and their families, and shall provide a platform
2 for bereaved or affected employees to advocate the need for road safety;

3 (h) Information dissemination via government agencies and websites;

4 (i) The government shall launch and maintain a government website or a social
5 media platform dedicated to road safety awareness which shall include a
6 database registry that honors road crash victims, survivors, and their families;
7 and

8 (j) Other related programs and activities as may be determined in the
9 implementing rules and regulations.

10 Sec. 5. *National Working Committee.* - To oversee the activities under this Act and
11 prepare a program for the meaningful commemoration of the National Day of
12 Remembrance each year, the DOTr shall be designated as the Chairperson, with the
13 following as members:

14 a) Department of Health (DOH);

15 b) Department of Education (DEPED);

16 c) Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

17 d) Department of Interior and Local Governments (DILG);

18 e) Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD);

19 f) National Youth Commission (NYC);

20 g) Presidential Communications Office (PCOO);

21 h) Philippine Information Office (PIO);

22 i) Philippine National Police (PNP);

23 j) Philippine Blood Center (PBC);

24 k) League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP);

25 l) League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP);

26 m) League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP);

27 n) Liga ng mga Baranggay (LB);

28 o) League of Governors and Vice Governors of the Philippines (LGP and LVGP);

29 p) League of Mayors and Vice Mayors of the Philippines (LMP and LVMP);

30 q) Provincial Board Members League of the Philippines (PBML);

31 r) Philippine Councilors League of the Philippines (PCL);

32 s) Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP);

- 1 t) Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA); and
- 2 u) Philippine Red Cross (PRC).

3 Sec. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOTr shall, in
4 collaboration with the DILG, LTO, LTFRB, MMDA and other concerned agencies and
5 stakeholders, promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within
6 sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

7 Sec. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
8 Act is declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect other provisions of this Act.

9 Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
10 executive order, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent
11 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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

14 Approved,