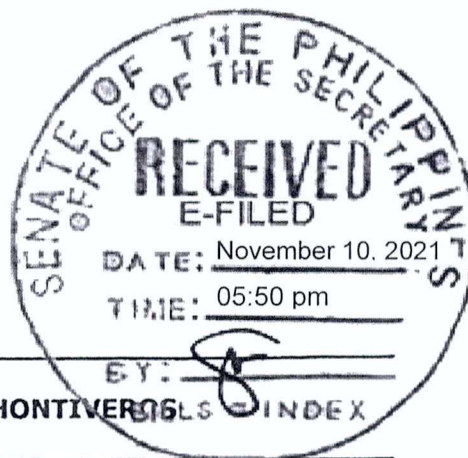


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**AN ACT
PROCLAIMING THE FIRST MONDAY OF AUGUST EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL
LINeworker APPRECIATION DAY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Electrical line workers install, remove, maintain, and repair high and low-voltage distribution lines and associated equipment and facilities. They are, in many ways, the backbone of the electric industry. Aside from maintaining public safety, they are often on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to respond to power outages and other emergencies, and are thus essential to ensuring that Filipino communities enjoy access to efficient, reliable, and continuous electrical service.

In order to provide these services, our lineworkers risk their lives on a daily basis. Following the widespread electrification of towns and cities, line work was considered one of the most hazardous jobs. They brave typhoons and other natural calamities in order to restore services even in the most far-flung of areas. Some lineworkers have sustained injury, and in some cases even death, in the line of duty.

Thus, in recognition of their invaluable service, this bill proposes to declare the first Monday of August as "National Lineworker Appreciation Day," and mandates that the National Electrification Agency (NEA) organize an annual National Lineworker Convention and related activities.

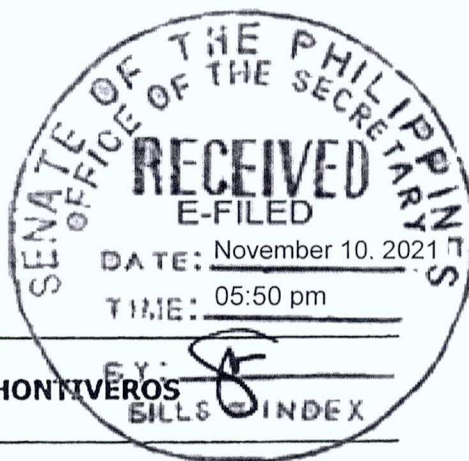
The immediate passage of this law is earnestly sought.


RISA HONTIVEROS
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

1 Sec. 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “National Lineworker Appreciation
2 Day Act.”

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of State Policy.* – The State, recognizing the role of our lineworkers
4 in the pursuit of sustainable development through rural electrification, shall adopt
5 measures to acknowledge the contribution of these workers in the power utility sector.

6 Sec. 3. *National Linemen Appreciation Day.* – The first Monday of August of every year
7 shall henceforth be known as “National Lineworker Appreciation Day.”

8 Sec. 4. *Program of Activities.* – The National Electrification Administration (NEA) shall,
9 in coordination with other stakeholders in the power industry including consumers, electric
10 cooperatives, the Department of Energy (DOE), the National Grid Corporation of the
11 Philippines (NGCP), the National Transmission Corporation (TransCo), the Philippine
12 Electric Plant Owners Association, the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO) and other
13 distribution utilities, telecommunications entities, and all other private companies and
14 government entities employing linemen, shall conduct lecture sessions, seminars, and
15 other training programs to highlight the significance of National Lineworker Appreciation
16 Day and its meaningful observance by the public.

17 The NEA shall be the lead agency in organizing an annual National Lineworker
18 Convention as part of the program of activities for National Lineworker Appreciation Day,
19 and electric cooperatives shall support the NEA in its efforts to promote and facilitate
20 related activities.

21 Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The NEA in coordination with
22 distribution utilities shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act within
23 sixty (60) days following its effectivity.

24 Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid and

1 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in conviction and effect.

2 Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and
3 regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended,
4 modified, and repealed accordingly.

5 Sec. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in
6 the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,