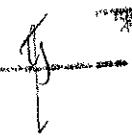


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill exemplifies the affirmed objective of Republic Act 2305 or the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers *i.e.*, "to promote and improve the social and economic well-being of the health workers, their living and working conditions and terms of employment."

Specifically, it seeks to re-establish May 7 of each year as "Health Workers' Day" to give due respect and appreciation to the services of the main pillars of the country's health care system, *our health workers*. They are our doctors, nurses, midwives, dentists, technicians, nutritionists, therapists, aides, and all other medical and allied professionals and support services personnel who work vigorously in our hospitals, clinics, barangay health centers and health care units in rural and urban areas.

Although Proclamation No. 96 (*Aquino, 1987*) declared May 7 of said year and every year thereafter as "Health Workers' Day," its commemoration is virtually non-existent to date, and along with it, the subject of its celebration thus, the bill.

Likewise, it is hoped that the annual public observance of the "Health Workers' Day" will draw awareness to the plight of our health sector and consequently, underscore the State's responsibility to allot sufficient budget priority on health and to improve the living and working conditions of our health workers.

Approval of this measure, therefore, is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT DECLARING MAY 7 OF EVERY YEAR
AS "HEALTH WORKERS' DAY"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "*Health Workers' Day*
2 *Act.*"

3 **SECTION 2.** To give due recognition to the important role and
4 contributions of the health workers who provide vital health services to our
5 people and to promote their rights and welfare and enhance their sense of
6 worth and dignity, May 7 of every year is hereby declared as a special
7 working holiday to be known as "Health Workers' Day."

8 **SECTION 3.** For purposes of this Act, the term "*health workers*"
9 shall cover all persons engaged in health and health-related services,
10 including medical and allied professionals, support services personnel, and
11 volunteer health workers, who work in hospitals, sanitarium, health centers,
12 clinics and other health-related establishments in the public and private
13 sectors.

14 **SECTION 4.** To ensure the meaningful observance of the holiday as
15 herein declared, all heads of government health facilities, offices and
16 instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled hospitals as
17 well as local government health units, and employers in the private sector,
18 shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their
19 employees to engage and participate in any activity to mark Health Workers'
20 Day.

1 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
3 circulation.

4 *Approved,*