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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible brain disorder with no known cause or cure. It attacks and slowly steals the minds of its victims. Symptoms of the disease include memory loss, confusion, impaired judgment, personality changes, disorientation, and loss of language skills. Always fatal, Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of irreversible dementia.


In the Philippines, there is no specific figures to show how many Filipinos are suffering from this disease. However, this disease has become tragically common in the country albeit some people dismiss the same as merely forgetfulness due to old age. Due to the rapid growth of our elderly population, there is an urgent need to raise the awareness of the people and educate them as to the nature, the symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, care, and other service to the patient and his/her family.

Accordingly, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
DESIGNATING NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS "ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH"**

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

SECTION 1. Title- This Act shall be known and cited as the "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month".

SECTION 2. The month of November is permanently designated as "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month" in the Philippines.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health shall urge all citizens to recognize "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month" and shall provide encouragement and assistance to those organizations that offer educational, advocacy and support services for Alzheimer's victims and their caregivers.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.- The Department of Health shall promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause.- If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.- Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause.- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.