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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to statistics, the prevalence of congenital heart disease at birth is 5 per 1,000 livebirths. It declines rapidly as many of the cases die. At five years of age, the rate is about 1.5 per 1,000 and remains at 1.2 per 1,000 at age eight and onwards.

Congenital heart defect is a birth-related defect and consists of 35-different types of heart defects and it is one of the leading birth-related defects that causes death.

Congenital heart defect related deaths are caused by late detection, lack of heart donors and failure of medical intervention, hence, it requires more research in order to discover further surgical options and to accurately describe its origin, physical signs and symptoms.

This bill aims to officially recognize the need for awareness of congenital heart defect so that early diagnosis and intervention become a top priority.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DAY FOR HEARTS: CONGENITAL DEFECT AWARENESS
DAY

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 "A Day for Hearts: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day Act".

SECTION 2. Throughout Philippines, in each and every year, the fourteenth day of February shall be known as "A Day for Hearts: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day".

SECTION 3. The Department of Health (DOH) shall urge all citizens to recognize "A Day for Hearts: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day" and shall hold programs and activities in observance of the event.

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

SECTION 5. 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administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.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 6. 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.