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[REPUBLIC ACT No. **11468**]

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:

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Their Families Act".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the national government to ensure the protection and safety of its people from any form of road hazards and to value human lives by way of remembering the victims of road crashes and recognizing the sufferings of their affected families and communities. Toward this end, a National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Their Families must be declared to raise the awareness of the people on the causes, consequences, and costs of road deaths and

injuries, and for the strengthening of advocacy to prevent such traumatic incidents and promote road safety through a collaborative platform that brings together various sector stakeholders.

- SEC. 3. National Day of Remembrance. Every third Sunday of November of each year is hereby declared as the "National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Their Families".
- SEC. 4. Mandatory Activities. To ensure the meaningful observance of the National Day of Remembrance as herein declared, the Department of Transportation (DOTr), in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), shall ensure the implementation of the following programs and activities:
- (a) Commemorative ceremonies, including wreath-laying offerings, candlelight vigil, solidarity march and special assemblies, shall be observed in provinces, cities and municipalities nationwide for road crash victims and survivors, involving their families and support groups.

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

- (b) Special blood donation campaign per LGU as coordinated through the Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Blood Center (PBC), and the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) in the area;
- (c) Special recognition shall be given to public officers, private stakeholders, volunteers and organizations who are instrumental in saving lives or supporting victims, survivors, and their families;
- (d) Special inter-faith and inter-religious commemoration in all local government offices and police stations;

- (e) In coordination with the DOH, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Justice (DOJ) and other concerned agencies, the DOTr shall conduct multisectoral symposia, conferences or consultations focusing on: (1) how to improve the trauma care system and emotional support programs given to victims, survivors, and their families; (2) how to improve the legal response, including resolution of pending cases and investigations and immediate compensation of victims and/or their families; and (3) how to improve the road safety situation by addressing the key risk factors to prevent the occurrence of similar road crash incidents;
- (f) Public awareness campaign, solidarity march, and road safety advocacy programs and services;
- (g) The flag-raising ceremonies in government offices the day or week immediately after the National Day of Remembrance shall be dedicated to road crash victims, survivors, and their families, and shall provide a platform for bereaved or affected employees to advocate the need for road safety;
- (h) Information dissemination via government agencies and websites;
- (i) The government shall launch and maintain a government website or a social media platform dedicated to road safety awareness which shall include a database registry that honors road crash victims, survivors, and their families; and
- (j) Other related programs and activities as may be determined in the implementing rules and regulations.
- SEC. 5. National Working Committee. To oversee the activities under this Act and prepare a program for the meaningful commemoration of the National Day of Remembrance each year, the DOTr Secretary shall be designated as the Chairperson, with the following as members:
 - (a) Department of Health (DOH);
 - (b) Department of Education (DepEd);
 - (c) Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

- (d) Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- (e) Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
 - (f) National Youth Commission (NYC);
 - (g) Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO);
 - (h) Philippine Information Agency (PIA);
 - (i) Philippine National Police (PNP);
 - (j) Philippine Blood Center (PBC);
 - (k) League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP);
 - (l) League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP);
 - (m) League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP);
 - (n) Liga ng mga Barangay (LB);
- (o) League of Governors and Vice Governors of the Philippines (LGP and LVGP);
- (p) League of Mayors and Vice Mayors of the Philippines (LMP and LVMP);
- (q) Provincial Board Members League of the Philippines (PBMLP);
- (r) Philippine Councilors League of the Philippines (PCLP);
 - (s) Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP);
- (t) Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA); and
 - (u) Philippine Red Cross (PRC).
- SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The DOTr shall, in collaboration with the DILG, LTO, LTFRB, MMDA and other concerned agencies and stakeholders,

promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

- SEC. 7. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect other provisions of this Act.
- SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.
- SEC. 9. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO

Speaker of the House

of Representatives

VICENTE C. SOTTO III

President of the Senate

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 1122 on November 11, 2019 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 4611 on November 18, 2019.

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Approved: JAN 2 3 2020

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President of the Philippines

