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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Volunteerism and public service of our frontliners, most especially of our Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), sits at the core of the resiliency of the Philippine health care system. Our BHWs diligently serve and deliver primary health care in every Filipino community, including geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas where medical doctors and other health professionals are not present.

As the nation responds to the continuing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, BHWs have become vanguards of this fight against COVID-19 and continued providing services – announcing the health services offered by the barangay, making house-to-house visits for vaccination and deworming, and distributing medicines and vitamins, among others – despite the high risk of exposure to the disease.

In recognition of their role and contribution in community public health, this bill seeks to declare April 7th of every year, which is coincidentally also the World Health Day, as Barangay Health Workers Day.

To honor the heroism of our BHWs, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Barangay Health Worker's Day.* – April 7 of every year is hereby
2 declared as Barangay Health Workers Day to be known, otherwise, as BHW Day.

3 **SEC. 2.** *Observance of BHW Day.* – To ensure the meaningful observance of the
4 Barangay Health Worker's Day, the Department of Health (DOH) in coordination with
5 the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and all Local Government
6 Units in the country shall encourage the holding and participation of BHWs in simple
7 ceremonies or activities in celebration of the BHW Day, highlighting their indispensable
8 role to barangay health and wellness across the nation.

9 **SEC. 3.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOH in coordination with
10 the DILG shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within
11 sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

12 **SEC. 4.** *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
13 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,