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AN ACT
TO DESIGNATE THE SEVENTH (7TH) DAY OF APRIL OF EVERY YEAR AS
BARANGAY HEALTH AND NUTRITION WORKERS DAY, MANDATING
CONCERNED AGENCIES TO CONDUCT EVENTS DURING ITS OBSERVANCE,
TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. Moreover, the 1991 Local Government Code underscores the importance of delivery of basic services and facilities such as health and social welfare services which were devolved to the local government units down to the barangay level.

Our barangay health and nutrition workers serve as the frontliners in the barangay in providing basic health services. They play a vital role in accomplishing the primary health care approach towards health empowerment by providing accessible and acceptable health services in the barangay level. They have been at the forefront, the first line of defense, risking their own lives to save countless others.

Moreover, in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, our Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers remain steadfast in their mandate to deliver health services at the local levels, bravely facing the potential hazards of infection.

With this, it is only befitting to recognize the invaluable services and sacrifices of our Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers in our quest for efficient and accessible health care service. This bill seeks to declare the Seventh (7th) Day of April as Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers Day to give due recognition to the contribution of all Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers in the delivery of our primary health care services in the community.

In view of the foregoing, the 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. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Health and
2 Nutrition Workers' Day Act."

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4 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State
5 to undertake initiatives that will give due honor and recognition to the crucial role of
6 its barangay health and nutrition workers who are at the forefront of the delivery of
7 health care at the grassroots level, and effectively harness their potential as partners
8 in national development. To promote the wellness and well-being of barangay health
9 and nutrition workers and instill in their hearts and minds the values of nationalism,
10 collective action, civic consciousness, and patriotism among them that will shape the
11 character needed for national development.

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13 Sec. 3. *Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers' Day.* — In recognition of the
14 contribution of the barangay health and nutrition workers to the delivery and
15 continuity of primary health care and nutrition services in the country, the seventh
16 (7th) day of April is hereby declared as Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers' Day.

1 *Sec. 4. Inter-agency and Multi-sectoral Effort.* — The Department of Health,
2 Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the National Nutrition Council,
3 in partnership with the national organization of barangay health and nutrition workers,
4 shall serve as the lead agencies in the preparation and implementation of the annual
5 program of activities and advocacy campaign for the observance of the Barangay
6 Health and Nutrition Workers' Day.

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8 To ensure the meaningful observance of this day as declared herein, the heads
9 of local government units and sangguniang barangays are encouraged to allow their
10 respective personnel to participate in any related activities in their localities,
11 communities, offices or establishments.

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13 *Sec. 5. Appropriations.* — The amount necessary to implement the provision of
14 this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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16 *Sec. 6. Separability Clause.* — In the event that any part, section or provision
17 of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the
18 remaining provisions thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect as if the
19 sections or provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated herein.

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21 *Sec. 7. Repealing Cause.* — All laws, decrees, executive orders, Issuances, rules
22 and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of this Act are
23 hereby repealed or modified and/or superseded as case may be by this Act
24 accordingly.

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26 *Sec. 8. Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
28 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,