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AND AGABAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY
YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR
ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES,
ENSURING ITS MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE

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

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

4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to
5 propagate a society that values human life and a citizenry that is
6 keenly aware of the causes, consequences and costs of road crash
7 deaths and injuries. Pursuant thereto, the State shall advocate road
8 safety through all forms of mass media and by observing a day of
9 remembrance for the victims of road crashes and the unfortunate
10 loss suffered by their families and communities.

11 SEC. 3. *National Day of Remembrance.* – Every third
12 Sunday of November of each year is hereby declared as the

1 "National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors,
2 and Their Families".

3 SEC. 4. *Mandatory Activities.* - To ensure the meaningful
4 observance of the National Day of Remembrance as herein declared,
5 the Department of Transportation (DOTr), in coordination with the
6 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Land
7 Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and
8 Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and Metropolitan Manila Development
9 Authority (MMDA), shall ensure the implementation of the
10 following programs and activities:

11 (a) Commemorative ceremonies, including wreath-laying
12 offerings, candlelight vigil, solidarity march and special assemblies,
13 shall be observed in provinces, cities and municipalities nationwide
14 for road crash victims and survivors, involving their families and
15 support groups.

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

20 (b) Special recognition shall be given to public officers, private
21 stakeholders, volunteers and organizations who are instrumental in
22 saving lives or supporting victims, survivors, and their families;

23 (c) In coordination with the Department of Health,
24 Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of
25 Justice and other concerned agencies, the DOTr shall conduct
26 multisectoral symposia, conferences or consultations focusing on: (1)
27 how to improve the trauma care system and emotional support
28 programs given to victims, survivors, and their families; (2) how to
29 improve the legal response, including resolution of pending cases

1 and investigations and immediate compensation of victims and/or
2 their families; and (3) how to improve the road safety situation by
3 addressing the key risk factors to prevent the occurrence of similar
4 road crash incidents;

5 (d) The DOTr, with the assistance of other government
6 agencies and private stakeholders, shall conduct public awareness
7 campaigns that provide a platform to victims and survivors of road
8 crashes, including their families, to advocate for road safety;

9 (e) The government shall launch and maintain a government
10 website or a social media platform dedicated to road safety
11 awareness which shall include a database registry that honors road
12 crash victims, survivors, and their families;

13 (f) The flag-raising ceremonies in government offices the day
14 or week immediately after the "National Day of Remembrance"
15 shall be dedicated to road crash victims, survivors, and their
16 families, and shall provide a platform for bereaved or affected
17 employees to advocate the need for road safety; and

18 (g) Other related programs and activities as may be
19 determined in the implementing rules and regulations.

20 SEC. 5. *DOTr as Lead Agency.* – The DOTr shall be the lead
21 agency in the meaningful observance of the National Day of
22 Remembrance each year. In collaboration with public and private
23 stakeholders, national and/or local steering committees may also be
24 created for effective observance of the said event.

25 SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOTr
26 shall, in collaboration with the DILG, LTO, LTFRB, MMDA
27 and other concerned agencies and stakeholders, promulgate the
28 necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days
29 from the effectivity of this Act.

1 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or
2 provision of this Act is declared invalid, such declaration shall not
3 affect other provisions of this Act.

4 SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or
5 issuance, executive order, administrative order, rule or regulation
6 contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby
7 repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

8 SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
9 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of
10 general circulation.

Approved,

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