

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)



'22 JUL 13 P1:09

SENATE
S. No. 488

RECEIVED BY:

Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda

**AN ACT
DECLARING APRIL 7 OF EVERY YEAR AS BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS
DAY TO BE KNOWN AS BHW DAY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) are crucial in the country's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. They have served as the country's front line in managing the spread of the virus. The BHWs have performed tasks of vaccination, deworming, house-to-house distribution of medicines and vitamins, and continuous monitoring of vital signs of their community's constituents, among others. Despite the possibility of being in contact with the virus, they have shown utmost public service to the people.

Prior to the pandemic, the BHWs served as the primary health care in Filipino communities, especially in far-flung areas. In recognition of their crucial role in communities, heroism, and contribution to the country, this measure proposes to declare the 7th of April of every year as Barangay Health Workers Day.

The passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

LOREN LEGARDA

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)

SENATE
S. No. 488



Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda

**AN ACT
DECLARING APRIL 7 OF EVERY YEAR AS BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS
DAY TO BE KNOWN AS BHW DAY**

Be it enacted by the Senate and 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 as “BWH Day”.

3 Sec. 2. *Lead Agencies.* – The Department of Health (DOH), in cooperation with
4 the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and all local
5 government units are hereby enjoined to hold simple ceremonies or activities to
6 highlight the indispensable role of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs).

7 Sec. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
8 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,