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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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