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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The World Health Organization, in its 2015 report on road safety, estimates that there are 10,379 individuals who have died in 2019 due to road crashes. Year in and out, we hear of reports and stories of horrific accidents which cause multiple deaths and injuries.

On October 26, 2005, the United Nations endorsed the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims as a global day to be observed every third Sunday in November each year. The World Health Organization and the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration encourage governments and non-government organizations around the world to commemorate it.

This bill aims to designate the third Sunday of November each as the "National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and their Families." It designates the Department of Transportation as the lead agency that will be in charge of the mandatory activities to be held to ensure meaningful observance of that day.

Ultimately, what the bill aims is to increase public awareness of the causes, consequences, and costs of road crash deaths and injuries. We must advocate for the improvement of Philippine road safety and institute policies that will prevent road crashes from occurring.


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**AN ACT DESIGNATING THE 3RD 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 the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

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

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to nurture a Filipino
4 society that is aware of the causes, consequences, and costs of road crash deaths
5 and injuries and that values human lives by way of remembering the victims of road
6 crashes, recognizing the sufferings of their affected families and communities and
7 advocating for the improvement of the Philippine road safety situation to prevent the
8 wastage of more lives.

9 **SEC. 3. National Day of Remembrance.** – Every 3rd Sunday of November of
10 each year is hereby declared as the “National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash
11 Victims, Survivors, and their Families.”

12 **SEC. 4. Mandatory Activities.** – To ensure the meaningful observance of the
13 National Day of Remembrance as herein declared, the Department of Transportation
14 (DOTr), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government
15 (DILG), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and
16 Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA),
17 shall ensure the implementation of the following programs and activities:

18 a) Commemorative ceremonies, including flower-laying activities, candlelight
19 vigil, solidarity march and special assemblies, shall be observed in
20 provinces, cities and municipalities nationwide for road crash victims and
21 survivors, involving their families and support groups.

22 As a sign of support, LGUs are encouraged to put up memorials and
23 tributes in strategic local public spaces or road networks to commemorate
24 the lives that were lost and/or injured and to promote road safety to the
25 public.

26 b) Special recognition shall be given to public officers, private stakeholders,
27 volunteers and organizations who are instrumental in saving lives or
28 supporting victims, survivors and their families.

29 c) In coordination with the Department of Health, Department of Social
30 Welfare and Development, Department of Justice and other concerned
31 agencies, the DOTr shall conduct multi-sectoral symposia, conferences or
32 consultations focusing on (1) how to improve the trauma care system and
33 emotional support programs given to victims, survivors and their families;
34 (2) how to improve the legal response, including resolution of pending
35 cases and investigations and immediate compensation of victims and/or
36 their families; and (3) how to improve the road safety situation by
37 addressing the key risk factors to prevent the occurrence of similar road
38 crash incidents.

39 d) The DOTr, with the assistance of other government agencies and private
40 stakeholders, shall conduct public awareness campaigns that provide a
41 platform to victims and survivors of road crashes, including their families,
42 to advocate for road safety.

43 e) The government shall launch and maintain a government website or a
44 social media platform dedicated to road safety awareness which shall
45 include a database registry that honors road crash victims and survivors.

46 f) The flag-raising ceremonies in government offices the day or week
47 immediately after the National Day of Remembrance shall be dedicated to
48 road crash victims, survivors and their families, and shall provide a
49 platform for bereaved or affected employees to advocate the need for road
50 safety.

51 g) Other related programs and activities as may be determined in the
52 Implementing Rules and Regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

68 Approved,