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House Resolution No.



## Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

## A RESOLUTION

DECLARING JULY 15 OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL SMOKE-FREE DAY" UPON WHICH ALL CITIZENS SHALL BE PROHIBITED TO SMOKE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, the act to effectively instill health consciousness through graphic health warnings on tobacco products was approved;

WHEREAS, to underscore the risks of smoking and to effectively instill in the consciousness of every Filipino citizen the importance of steering clear of cigarette smoking, a day called "National Smoke-Free Day" should be henceforth set;

WHEREAS, the benefits to human health as well as to the environment far outweigh considerations deciding against this measure and it behooves the national government to ensure the general well-being of every citizen;

WHEREAS, penalties should therefore be set out by the Department of Health and promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the intent of this measure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to declare July 15 of every year as "National Smoke-Free Day" upon which all citizens shall be prohibited to smoke and prescribe penalties for violation thereof.

ADOPTED,

PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO