

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2103

Introduced by Honorable Dale "Along" R. Malapitan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the twentieth day of February of every year as the Barangay Health Workers' Day in recognition of the barangay health workers' invaluable service in the promotion and delivery of the basic health care in our communities.

The barangay health workers (BHWs) are government-trained health volunteers who have been giving invaluable service in rural barangays since 1981. For almost thirty (30) years, the BHWs have been our health information disseminators, the nurturers of expectant mothers and sick children, and the providers of compassionate health care to many Filipinos in the remotest areas of the country. They are the front-liners in providing health care services to rural communities.

With the resurgence of disease outbreaks in different areas in the country, the BHWs serve as the primary caregivers of many poor Filipinos. As one of the most dedicated sectors in the government service, they are engaged in the toughest of jobs. However, it is distressing that their efforts remain unrecognized and disregarded.

For their services, commitment and sacrifices, barangay health workers, deserve a day of the year to commemorate their invaluable contribution in building a healthy nation. The best and most fitting to be declared as the Barangay Health Workers' Day would be February 20, the date when Republic Act No. 7883, otherwise known as the "*Barangay Health Workers Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995*," was approved. Hence, this bill.

1 In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill into
2 law is highly recommended.
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17 **AN ACT**
18 **DECLARING FEBRUARY 20 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE BARANGAY**
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21 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
22 *Congress assembled:*
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24 SECTION 1. The twentieth day of February of every year is
25 hereby declared as the Barangay Health Workers’ Day in recognition of the
26 invaluable and selfless service of the barangay health workers in the promotion
27 and delivery of the basic health care in the community.

28 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
29 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general
30 circulation.

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