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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8/8



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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE HIGHEST APPRECIATION AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FRONTLINERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY AND UNSELFISHLY RENDERED THEIR SERVICES TO THE FILIPINO NATION IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVD-19;

WHEREAS, on March 16, a state of calamity was declared all over the Philippines by virtue of Proclamation No. 929 to escalate the country's response against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, mass gatherings were prohibited, work and classes were suspended, and all means of public transportation had been put on hold after the entire Luzon was placed under an "enhanced community quarantine";

WHEREAS, social distancing measures had been strictly put in place restricting the movement of majority of the people to their homes except for those providing services in the frontline of health, emergency, public order and security, and border control as well as those who provide essential services and goods to the people;

WHEREAS, in the face of spiraling death and disease, amidst the lingering suffering and despair of the people, and notwithstanding the ominous dangers that rapidly spreading COVID-19 pose upon them and their families, countless and nameless brave and selfless individuals have valiantly responded to the call of duty to spare the nation from the devastation of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, doctors, nurses, medical technologists, and allied health professionals; members of the military and police; personnel from the civil service and local government units; government officials and their staff; media personnel; civil society organizations; security personnel; factory workers; garbage collectors; as well as those manning the airports, groceries, banks, food establishments, and delivery services, among many others, courageously stood in the frontlines of the country's war against the deadly COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the fight against this novel disease had been fraught with great dangers that many medical professionals had given their lives and countless others became sick and infected for the cause of ending this pandemic that has struck our country and pushed the rest of the world over the edge;

WHEREAS, in loving memory of those who have sacrificed their lives to save the sick and afflicted and in profound recognition to the dedicated services rendered by those who had been in the frontline of the fight against COVID-19, the House of Representatives, on behalf of the entire nation of Filipinos, extends its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all healthcare workers and frontliners who bravely responded to the call of duty and service in line with the

mandate "to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instil health consciousness among them";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives to express its highest appreciation and profound gratitude to all healthcare workers and frontliners who courageously and unselfishly rendered their services to the Filipino nation in its fight against COVID-19

Adopted,

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