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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4873

Introduced by Rep. Erico B. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to institutionalize the World Blood Donors Day (WBDD) which is celebrated globally every June 14 annually. The celebration is intended to increase more awareness of the need for safe blood for transfusion.

Research shows that the safest blood for transfusion comes only from regular repeat voluntary non-remunerated blood donors (VNRBD). So the celebration of WBDD is another opportunity for us to acknowledge and thank the VNRBDs for their gift of life.

It is axiomatic that more safe blood means more life. For blood itself is life. Remove it from system of any human and other creatures, death is sure to follow. To ensure that more safe donors would donate blood to the Department of Health Blood Bank or to the Philippine Red Cross Blood Bank, there is a need to require all able-bodied Filipinos from age 18 to 50 to donate blood for the purpose during World Blood Donors Day or any blood-letting occasion sponsored by the Department of Health or the Philippine Red Cross.

Wherefore, the early approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

DECLARING EVERY JUNE 14 ANNUALLY AS WORLD BLOOD DONORS DAY, REQUIRING
ALL ABLE-BODIED FILIPINOS TO DONATE BLOOD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND PHILIPPINE RED CROSS BLOOD BANKS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Short title. – This act shall be known as World Blood Donors Day Act of 2011.

Section 2. Every June 14 annually is hereby declared as the World Blood Donors Day, and shall be celebrated with appropriate activities to be sponsored by the Department of Health and the Philippine Red Cross.

Section 3. All able-bodied Filipino citizens, 18 years old to 50 years old, are hereby enjoined to donate blood for the Department of Health and Philippine Red Cross Blood Banks. The donors shall be recorded in the blood banks' registry of donors.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

APPROVED.