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2 Republic of the Philippines
3 **House of Representatives**
4 Quezon City, Metro Manila

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6 **SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS**
7 Second Regular Session

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10 **HOUSE BILL NO. 7138**



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13 **Introduced by Honorable Dale "Along" R. Malapitan**
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17 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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19 This bill seeks to declare the twentieth day of February of
20 every year as the Barangay Health Workers' Day in recognition of
21 the barangay health workers' invaluable service in the promotion
22 and delivery of the basic health care in our communities.
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24 The barangay health workers (BHWs) are government-trained
25 health volunteers who have been giving invaluable service in rural
26 barangays since 1981. For almost thirty (30) years, the BHWs have
27 been our health information disseminators, the nurturers of
28 expectant mothers and sick children, and the providers of
29 compassionate health care to many Filipinos in the remotest areas
30 of the country. They are the front-liners in providing health care
31 services to rural communities.
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33 With the resurgence of disease outbreaks in different areas in
34 the country, the BHWs serve as the primary caregivers of many
35 poor Filipinos. As one of the most dedicated sectors in the
36 government service, they are engaged in the toughest of jobs.
37 However, it is distressing that their efforts remain unrecognized
38 and disregarded.
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40 For their services, commitment and sacrifices, barangay
41 health workers, deserve a day of the year to commemorate their
42 invaluable contribution in building a healthy nation. The best and
43 most fitting to be declared as the Barangay Health Workers' Day
44 would be February 20, the date when Republic Act No. 7883,
45 otherwise known as the "*Barangay Health Workers Benefits and*
46 *Incentives Act of 1995*," was approved. Hence, this bill.
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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**
19 **HEALTH WORKERS’ DAY**
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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.

31 Approved,
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