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Introduced by Representatives **John Marvin "Yul Servo" Nieto, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Eric M. Martinez, Federico II "Ricky" S. Sandoval, and Dale "Along" R. Malapitan**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

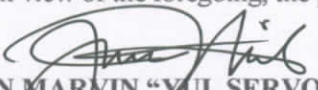
Road crash-related deaths have been steadily rising in the country over the past several years. In 2006, there were about 7,000 road crash-related deaths in the country. However, there were around 8,000 road crash-related deaths in 2014. The 27% increase of road crash-related deaths over the seven-year period is very much alarming. While there was a slight reduction in 2011 – the pioneer year of Decade of Road Safety in the Philippines – the number of road crash deaths increased again starting 2012. During the same period, road crash death rate in the Philippines has been slightly increasing. Death rate recorded an average annual increase of 1.4% from 2006 to 2014.

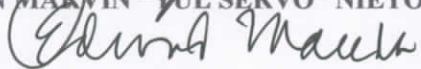
Pursuant to its mandate of promoting the well-being of its citizens, it is the policy of the State to protect public health and promote travel safety.

The proposed measure aims to prescribe every third Sunday of November as the Philippine Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families. It is the hope of this measure to raise awareness on the matter at issue. The Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families is also a means to remember the many millions killed or injured in road crashes, as well as to pay tribute to the dedicated emergency crews, police, and medical professionals who deal daily with the traumatic aftermath of road deaths and injuries.

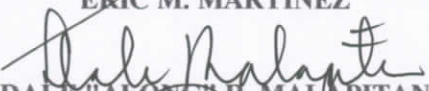
The celebration of the Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families is not new in the country. On June 18 2010, Former President Gloria M. Arroyo issued Presidential Proclamation 2092 declaring every 3rd Sunday of November as the national day for the "World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims" and designating a Working Committee headed by the Department of Transportation (DOTR) with member agencies, Department of Interior & Local Governments (DILG), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DEPED), and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA). However, much more needs to be done. The proposed measure aims to further convey the importance the government accords to the task of reducing road traffic casualties.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PRESCRIBING EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER AS THE PHILIPPINE DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND FAMILIES

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 the "*Philippine Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families Act*".

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the National Government to ensure the protection and safety of its people from any form of road hazards and to value human lives by way of remembering the victims of road crashes and recognizing the sufferings of their affected families and communities. The Economic Losses and the Human Suffering deepen relentlessly.

Toward this end, a National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families must be declared to raise the awareness of the people on the causes, consequences, and costs of road deaths and injuries, and for the strengthening of advocacy to prevent such traumatic incidents through a collaborative platform that brings together multi sector stakeholders.

SECTION 3. *Commemoration Day.* Every 3rd Sunday of November of each year is hereby declared as the "Philippine Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families in accordance with Resolution No 64/255, issued on March 2, 2010, of the United Nations General Assembly.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to the observance of the Philippine Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families, the following activities shall be undertaken under each Local Government Unit:

- a. Special Commemoration to remember all Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families by way of Religious Mass Services and Flower Laying Ceremonies lead by LGU Officials (City/ Municipality)
- b. Enacted City and Municipal Ordinance/ Resolution for the Designation of an identified Local Government Unit Public Spaces as Memorial Tribute for Victims and Survivors similar to the "Bantayog ng mga Bayani" (local) and the Holocaust Memorial and 9/11 Memorial (foreign)
- c. Special Blood Donation Campaign per Local Government Unit as coordinated thru the Department of Health, Philippine Blood Center, and the Philippine Red Cross in the area

- d. Special Recognition Day for Emergency/ Rescue Personnel, Volunteers, and Stakeholders
- e. Special Inter Faith and Inter Religious Commemoration (Ringing of Church Bells in the LGU)
- f. Candle Vigil in all Local Government Offices and Police Stations based in the LGU
- g. Public Awareness Campaign, Solidarity March, and Road Safety Summit that will include:
 - i. CORE SECTOR: Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families, Bereavement and Support Groups
 - ii. YOUTH: National Youth Commission, Red Cross Youth, Boy and Girl Scouts of the Philippines
 - iii. ERU: Emergency, Trauma and Rehabilitation Professionals, Therapists, and Counsellors
 - iv. Prevention Professionals: Engineers, Transport Researches, Advocates, Teachers
 - v. Law Enforcement: Police, Lawyers, Judges, and Magistrates
 - vi. Law Makers: Senate and the House of Representatives, City Municipal and Provincial Councilors
 - vii. Road User Groups: Cyclists, Motorcyclists, Public Transport, Car Drivers, and Pedestrians
 - viii. Sector Representatives: Academe, Business, Religious, Government, Labor, and Marginalized
 - ix. Local Government Representatives: City Health, Safety, Traffic, and Barangay Officials
- h. Interactive Information Dissemination via City and Municipal Local Government Websites, Philippine Information Office, People's Television Network, and the Department of Transportation
- i. Launch of LGU Social Media Platform and Website for Road Safety Advocacy Campaigns
- j. Launch of LGU Media Press Conference thru Mainstream Channels (TV Radio Print)
- k. Database Registry of Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families with Philippine National Police

SECTION 5. *Annual Memorial Day Local Government Unit Lead Department.* The Local Government Unit Department (Public Safety and Traffic) shall be the lead for the Annual Philippine Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families at the City, Municipal, and Provincial Level. The Philippine Red Cross City, Municipal, and Provincial Chapter, as Auxiliary Partner to the LGU, will function as the Vice Chairman of the Working Committee. As a sector representative, the Civil Society Organization, FRVS (Families of Road Victims and Survivors) Association, shall be a permanent Honorary Member of the Working Committee.

The LGU Lead Department is tasked to oversee, enforce, and implement the Annual Philippine Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families and all other initiatives and activities related to or arising from this memorial activity

The LGU Lead Department shall, in addition to other functions under other ordinances, orders, or policy issuances, have the following functions:

- a. Serve as chair of the Road Safety Working Group;

- b. Convene the Road Safety Working Group once every quarter or as necessary;
- c. Conduct regular planning and coordination meetings with relevant offices and agencies to discuss and coordinate on the Annual Memorial Day;
- d. Submit an annual budget plan for the Memorial Day to the City Council;
- e. Collect road crash data, including road crash fatalities, injuries, and other relevant information and submit such data, annually, to the Mayor;
- f. Monitor the implementation of this Act;
- g. Conduct periodic evaluations of the impact of this Act on the number of road crashes, road crash injuries and fatalities, and other outcomes as may be determined by the Road Safety Working Group;
- h. Conduct public information, education, and communication campaigns on the enforcement of this Act and road safety in general;
- i. Perform other tasks as may be assigned by the Mayor for the purpose of implementing this Act; and
- j. Develop and circulate a manual of local safety ordinances for the guidance of law enforcement officers.

SECTION 6. *Annual Memorial Day Working Group.* Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act and every quarter, the Annual Memorial Day Working Group shall be convened.

The Annual Memorial Day Working Group shall develop, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of this Act and the Local Government Unit Road Safety Action Plan.

The Annual Memorial Day Working Group shall be composed of the following members:

- a. Head of the LGU Lead Department (Public Safety and Traffic);
- b. Head of the Philippine Red Cross City, Municipal, and Provincial Chapter;
- c. LGU Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO);
- d. LGU Philippine National Police Department (PNP);
- e. LGU Community Relations Office (CRO);
- f. LGU Public Affairs and Information Services Office (PAISO);
- g. LGU Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO);
- h. LGU President of the Liga ng mga Barangays, as ex-officio member
- i. LGU Sector Representative Families of Road Victims and Survivors Association

The Annual Memorial Day Working Group may, when necessary, call on the participation of the following offices with respect to their technical matters within their jurisdiction

- a. LGU Barangay Operations Center (BOC);
- b. LGU Health Department (HD);

- c. LGU Information Technology and Development Office (ITDO);
- d. LGU People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB);
- e. LGU Social Services Development Department (SSDD);
- f. LGU Subdivision Administration Unit (SAU);
- g. LGU Tricycle Regulatory Unit (TRU);
- h. LGU Tricycle Franchising Board (TFB);
- i. LGU City, Municipal, and Provincial Administrator's Office.

The Annual Memorial Day Working Group may coordinate with other local departments and national government agencies as necessary for the implementation of this Act and the Local Government Unit Road Safety Action Plan. These are as follows:

- a. EDUCATION: LGU Division of Schools (Elementary);
- b. EDUCATION: LGU Division of Schools (High School);
- c. EDUCATION: LGU Division of Schools (College);
- d. HOSPITALS: LGU City, Municipal, and Provincial Hospital;
- e. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Department of Interior and Local Government
- f. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Philippine National Police
- g. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Bureau of Fire Protection
- h. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Metro Manila Development Authority
- i. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Department of Education
- j. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Department of Health
- k. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Philippine Blood Center
- l. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: National Youth Commission
- m. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Land Transportation Office
- n. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board
- o. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: Department of Transportation

The Annual Memorial Day Working Group shall meet every quarter. Within fifteen (15) days from the effectivity of this Act, all members of the Road Safety Working Group shall submit to the LGU Lead Department the specific names of one (1) permanent and two (2) alternate representatives who shall be responsible for participating in all meetings of the Annual Memorial Day Working Group on behalf of their department or office. The LGU Lead Department shall be notified in writing of any changes in the assigned representatives at least ten (10) days prior to the next quarterly meeting.

The LGU Lead Department shall submit an annual budget plan to the City, Municipal, and Provincial Council with specific appropriations for equipment, human resources, and operations as will be specified hereunder. The budget allotted for the operations of the Annual Memorial Day Working Group shall be included Local Government budget plan.

SECTION 7. *National Government Partner Departments.* For the National Capital Region Annual Memorial Day and Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 184 issued on July 11, 2007, hereby dissolved the Inter-Agency Road Safety Committee (IRSC) and transferred all its powers and functions to the Department of Transportation (DOTR) in overseeing road safety activities in the entire country thru a designated National Focal Point Person in the same agency.

The Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTR) shall form a “National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Families” Committee which it shall chair and there upon call the Heads of the other Departments, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Department of Health (DOH),
- b. Department of Education (DEPED),
- c. Commission on Higher Education (CHED),
- d. Department of Interior and Local Governments (DILG),
- e. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD),
- f. National Youth Commission (NYC),
- g. Presidential Communications Office (PCOO),
- h. Philippine Information Office (PIO),
- i. Philippine National Police (PNP),
- j. Philippine Blood Center (PBC),
- k. League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP),
- l. League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP),
- m. League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP),
- n. Liga ng mga Barangay (LB),
- o. League of Governors and Vice Governors of the Philippines (LGP and LVGP),
- p. League of Mayors and Vice Mayors of the Philippines (LMP and LVMP),
- q. Provincial Board Members League of the Philippines (PBML),
- r. Philippine Councilors League of the Philippines (PCL),
- s. Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP),
- t. Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) ,

u. Philippine Red Cross (PRC) National Head Quarters

The Committee shall prepare a program for the meaningful commemoration of the Memorial Day. It may also call upon other government agencies and non-government organizations to assist in its preparation and full implementation every 3rd Sunday of November annually henceforth.

SECTION 8. *Appropriation.* The sum of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000) for the National Capital Region Activity and the sum of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000) for each Local City Government Unit and Provincial Capital outside Metro Manila is hereby appropriated from any available funds from the National Treasury for the initial implementation of this act. Thereafter, such sum or so much thereof shall be included in the Approved Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within Sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commemoration Day Working Committee, shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the effective implementation of this act. The IRR shall provide procedures geared towards streamlined processes that will support the National Day.

SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the act or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting with full effect implementation.

SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* Any act, law, decrees, ordinance, resolution, executive orders rules and regulations, or administrative issuance contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity.* This act shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after publication in designated two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,