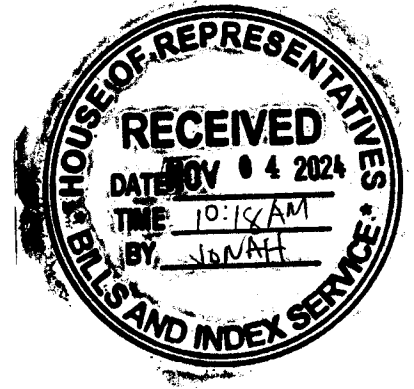




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House Bill No. 11002

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The K-Respect campaign, initially launched by the Sunfull Foundation in the Republic of Korea (South Korea), aims to raise awareness and promote understanding and respect for people of different cultures, and to counter the malicious and abusive language prevalent in cyberspace in many countries around the world.

The campaign is an international undertaking spearheaded by the Sunfull Foundation, a non-government organization founded in 2007 in the Republic of Korea by the esteemed educator, Dr. Min Byoung-chul. Sunfull Foundation aims to counter cyberbullying, hate speech and human rights violations on the internet. It also includes among its initiatives the promotion of the welfare of migrant workers, ethnic minority groups, and multicultural families in South Korea, especially the welfare of Overseas Filipino Workers. Sunfull Foundation's K-Respect campaign is now being actively observed in India, Indonesia and the United States of America, largely participated by local lawmakers and diplomats, and efforts to expand are undergoing in several other countries.

In the Philippines, in the House of Representatives in particular, on the endeavors of this author, around 168 Members have pledged their active support for the campaign and/or membership in the foundation. In partnership with the undersigned as Ambassador of the Sunfull Foundation in the Philippines and Chairperson of the Philippine House of Representatives Sunfull Committee, the Sunfull Foundation has been holding various activities in the country, as well as in Filipino communities in South Korea, to combat the scourge of online hate speech and to promote a culture of respect and empathy.

This bill thus seeks to declare May 27 of every year as K-Respect Day in the Philippines in recognition of the campaign's laudable objectives, which are very much aligned with, and thus will strengthen, the Philippine government's policies and actions on fostering global cooperation and camaraderie among nations, the promotion of the rule of law, and the campaign against cybercrimes. It is also of great importance for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who are often the victims of racial discrimination, human rights violations and cyberattacks in their host countries.

For the foregoing reasons, the immediate approval of this proposed measure is earnestly urged.



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AN ACT
DECLARING MAY 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS K-RESPECT DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES

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

Section 1. May 27 of every year is hereby declared as K-Respect Day in the Philippines in recognition of the international campaign initiated in 2023 by Sunfull Foundation in the Republic of Korea dedicated to raise awareness and promote understanding and respect for people of different cultures and to root out cyberbullying and hate speech towards an inclusive, safe, and fraternal multicultural global community.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.