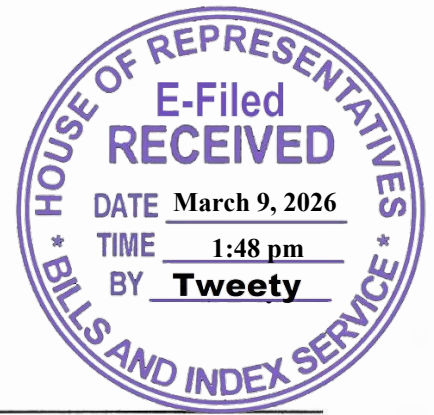


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 141

Submitted by the Committee on People's Participation on March 9, 2026

RE: House Bill No. 4706

Recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas and Marcelino "Marcy" R. Teodoro

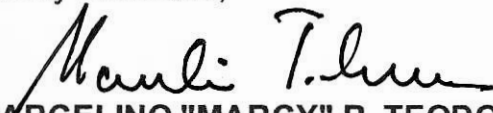
Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on People's Participation, to which was referred **House Bill No. 4706**, introduced by **Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas**, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9418, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "VOLUNTEER ACT OF 2007," TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH AND DECEMBER 5 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

has considered the same and recommends its approval without amendment with Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Marcelino "Marcy" R. Teodoro, Emmarie "Lolypop" Ouano-Dizon, Doris E. Maniquiz, Ricardo S. Cruz, Jr., Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando, and Julianne "Jam" L. Baronda as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


REP. MARCELINO "MARCY" R. TEODORO
Chairperson
Committee on People's Participation

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. **4706**

Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

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

SECTION 1. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 9418, otherwise known as the
“*Volunteer Act of 2007*”, is hereby amended to include a new section denominated as
Section 13-A, and shall read as follows:

SEC. 13. *Institutional Mechanism for Research, Documentation,*
Recognition and Modeling of Best Volunteer Practices. - To carry out
the purposes of this Act, an institutional mechanism shall be established,
to be spearheaded and administered by the PNVSCA, for continuing
research, documentation, recognition and modeling of best volunteer
practices as an important component of implementing development
programs and projects and undertaking humanitarian activities. For this
purpose, the PNVSCA in consultation with any and all relevant government
agencies, NGOs, private institutions and persons shall effect the setting up
of the mechanism as well as determine all requirements and, or necessary
acts to ensure its effective implementation.

SEC. 13-A. *DECLARATION OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH.*
- THE MONTH OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR SHALL BE DECLARED
AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, IN
RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY VOLUNTEERS TO
SOCIETY.

PURSUANT THERETO, DECEMBER 5 OF EVERY YEAR IS ALSO
DESIGNATED AS THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY,
CORRESPONDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH SHALL BE SPEARHEADED BY THE PNVSCA FOR COORDINATION PURPOSES.

ALL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AS WELL AS LGUS, AND EMPLOYERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE HEREBY MANDATED TO ENJOIN ALL THEIR PERSONNEL TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE OBSERVATION AND CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH.”

SEC. 2. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department
FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 4706
(Approved by the Committee on 28 January 2026)

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Introduced by: **Representatives MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS,
MARCELINO “MARCY” R. TEODORO, EMMARIE “LOLYPOP” OUANO-DIZON,
DORIS E. MANQUIZ, RICARDO S. CRUZ, JR.,
ELIJAH RUMBAOA SAN FERNANDO, and JULIENNE “JAM” L. BARONDA**
Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION**
Committee Chairperson: **Representative MARCELINO “MARCY” R. TEODORO**

OBJECTIVES:

- To align the National Volunteer Day celebration with the globally observed International Volunteer Day on December 5.
- To mandate active participation of the government and private sector in the observance of the celebration to, in turn, ensure a whole-of-society approach to promote volunteerism.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Mandates the establishment of institutional mechanisms for continuing research, documentation, recognition and modeling of best volunteer practices spearheaded by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency.
- Declares the month of December as National Volunteer Month and December 5 as National Volunteer Day.
- Mandates government agencies, instrumentalities, government-owned and controlled corporations, local government units, and the private sector to enjoin their personnel to participate and support activities and programs for said celebration.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 9418, “An Act Institutionalizing a Strategy for Rural Development, Strengthening Volunteerism and for Other Purposes”
- Proclamation No. 194, s. 1987, “Declaring Every Fifth Day of December as ‘International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development in the Philippines’” (signed by President Corazon Aquino on 07 December 1987)

- Proclamation No. 55, s. 1998, “Declaring the Month of December of Every Year as the National Volunteer Month” (signed by President Joseph Ejercito Estrada on 05 December 1998)
- UN General Assembly Resolution 40/212, “the Adoption of 5 December as International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (IVD)”