



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4706

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CRUZ (R.), SAN FERNANDO, BARONDA, EMANO, MONTES AND ARBISON (M. JR.)

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 13 of Republic Act No. 9418, otherwise known as the
2 “*Volunteer Act of 2007*”, is hereby amended to include a new section denominated as
3 Section 13-A, and shall read as follows:
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5 **“SEC. 13. Institutional Mechanism for Research, Documentation,**
6 **Recognition and Modeling of Best Volunteer Practices.** – To carry out
7 the purposes of this Act, an institutional mechanism shall be established,
8 to be spearheaded and administered by the PNVSCA, for continuing
9 research, documentation, recognition and modeling of best volunteer
10 practices as an important component of implementing development
11 programs and projects and undertaking humanitarian activities. For this
12 purpose, the PNVSCA in consultation with any and all relevant government
13 agencies, NGOs, private institutions and persons shall effect the setting up
14 of the mechanism as well as determine all requirements and, or necessary
15 acts to ensure its effective implementation.
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17 **SEC. 13-A. DECLARATION OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH.**
18 – THE MONTH OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR SHALL BE DECLARED
19 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, IN
20 RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY VOLUNTEERS TO
21 SOCIETY.
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23 PURSUANT THERETO, DECEMBER 5 OF EVERY YEAR IS ALSO
24 DESIGNATED AS THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY,
25 CORRESPONDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY.

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

4 ALL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND
5 INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND
6 -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AS WELL AS LGUS, AND
7 EMPLOYERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE HEREBY MANDATED TO
8 ENJOIN ALL THEIR PERSONNEL TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE AND
9 SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE OBSERVATION
10 AND CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH.”
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12 **SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared
13 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full
14 force and effect.
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16 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
17 regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
18 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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20 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,