

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11468, January 23, 2020]

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Their Families Act."

SEC. 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. Toward this end, a National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, Survivors and Their 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 and promote road safety through a collaborative platform that brings together various sector stakeholders.

SEC. 3. *National Day of Remembrance.* - Every third Sunday of November of each year is hereby declared as the "National Day of Remembrances for Road Crash Victims, Survivors, and Their Families".

SEC.4. *Mandatory Activities.* - To ensure the meaningful observance of the National Day of Remembrance as herein declared, the Department of Transportation (DOTr), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), shall ensure the implementation of the following programs and activities:

(a) Commemorative ceremonies, including wreath-laying offerings, candlelight vigil, solidarity march and special assemblies, shall be observed in provinces, cities, and municipalities nationwide for road crash victims and survivors, involving their families and support groups.

As a sign of support, local government units (LGUs) are encouraged to put up memorials and tributes in strategic local public spaces road networks to commemorate the lives that were lost and/or injured and to promote road safety to the public;

(b) Special blood donation campaign per LGU as coordinated through the Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Blood Center (PBC), and the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) in the area;

- (c) Special recognition shall be given to public officers, private stakeholders, volunteers and organizations who are instrumental in saving lives or supporting victims, survivors, and their families;
- (d) Special inter-faith and inter-religious commemoration in all local government offices and police stations;
- (e) In coordination with the DOH, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Justice (DOJ) and other concerned agencies, the DOTr shall conduct multisectoral symposia, conferences or consultations focusing on: (1) how to improve the trauma care system and emotional support programs given to victims, survivors, and their families; (2) how to improve the legal response, including resolution of pending cases and investigations and immediate compensation of victims and/or their families; and (3) how to improve the road safety situation by addressing the key risk factors to prevent the occurrence of similar road crash incidents;
- (f) Public awareness campaign, solidarity march, and road safety advocacy programs and services;
- (g) The flag-raising ceremonies in government offices the day or week immediately after the National Day of Remembrance shall be dedicated to road crash victims, survivors, and their families, and shall provide a platform for bereaved or affected employee to advocate the need for road safety;
- (h) Information dissemination via government agencies and websites;
- (i) The government shall launch and maintain a government website or a social media platform dedicated to road safety awareness which shall include a database registry that honors road crash victims, survivors, and their families; and
- (j) Other related programs and activities as may be determined in the implementing rules and regulations.

SEC.5. *National Working Committee.* - To oversee the activities under this Act and prepare a program for the meaningful commemoration of the National Day of Remembrance each year, the DOTr Secretary shall be designated as the Chairperson, with the following as members:

- (a) Department of Health (DOH);
- (b) Department of Education (DepEd);
- (c) Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
- (d) Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- (e) Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
- (f) National Youth Commission (NYC);
- (g) Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO);
- (h) Philippine Information Agency (PIA);
- (i) Philippine National Police (PNP);