

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10069, April 06, 2010]

AN ACT DECLARING MAY 7 OF EVERY YEAR AS "HEALTH WORKERS'DAY"

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Health Workers' Day Act".

SEC. 2. May 7 of every year is hereby declared as a special working holiday to be known as "Health Workers' Day" to give due recognition to the important role and contributions of the health workers who provide vital health services to our people and to promote their rights and welfare and enhance their sense of worth and dignity.

SEC. 3. For purposes of this Act, the term "health workers" shall mean all persons who are engaged in health and health-related work regardless of their employment status, including medical, allied health professional, administrative and support services personnel and those employed in hospitals, sanatoria, health infirmaries, health centers, rural health units, barangay health stations, and clinics, and such other health-related establishments owned and operated by the government or its political subdivisions with original charters, or by the private sector.

SEC. 4. All heads of government health facilities, offices and instrumentalities, including government-owned and -controlled hospitals, as well as local government health units, and employers in the private sector, shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity to mark "Health Workers' Day" to ensure the meaningful observance of the holiday as herein declared.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

(Sgd.) JUAN PONCE ENRILE

President of Senate

(Sgd.) PROSPERO C. NOGRALES

*Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

This Act which is a consolidation of Senate Bill No. 1874 and House Bill No. 6514 was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on January 27, 2010 and February 1, 2010, respectively.

(Sgd.) EMMA LIRIO-REYES

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