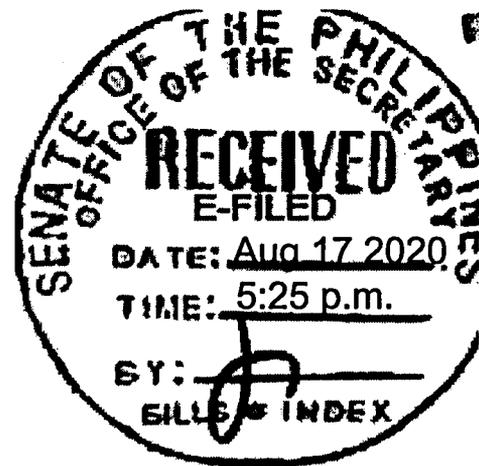


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S.B. No. 1775

Introduced by SEN. WIN GATCHALIAN

**AN ACT
DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR
AS THE "NATIONAL FRONTLINERS MONTH" IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As we continue to face the challenges brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, the significant contributions and important role of frontline workers to overcoming the dangers of a disease outbreak have been highlighted and magnified a hundredfold.

We have seen the courage, strength and commendable efforts of our frontline workers, especially our LGU and barangay officials and employees, in relentlessly fighting the challenges of protecting and serving our communities. Most Filipinos are kept out of harm's ways – safe at home and able to continue working and being with loved ones – because our frontline workers – the healthcare workers, food delivery drivers, supermarket workers, restaurant cooks, security guards, agriculture and fisheries workers, garbage collectors, bank employees, logistics workers, energy, water and other utility employees, police and military personnel, social workers, media people, and local government unit (LGU) and barangay workers – to name a few, have been working selflessly during this pandemic, reporting to their offices or job sites,

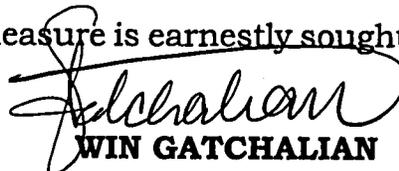
and risking their personal health to keep the economy in motion and the rest of us safe.

Heeding the call to render essential services, fighting the spread of the virus, maintaining order and ensuring the availability of basic and critical resources and services, these frontline workers have risked their own lives as well as their family members every day whenever they deal with a patient, deliver food to our homes, clean our houses, collect our trash, keep subdivisions, villages, condominiums and barangays safe and secure, maintain cleanliness in public spaces to prevent the spread of other diseases, bring food and cash rations to the needy and vulnerable, and ensure that everyone comply with the community quarantine order to stop the spread of Covid-19.

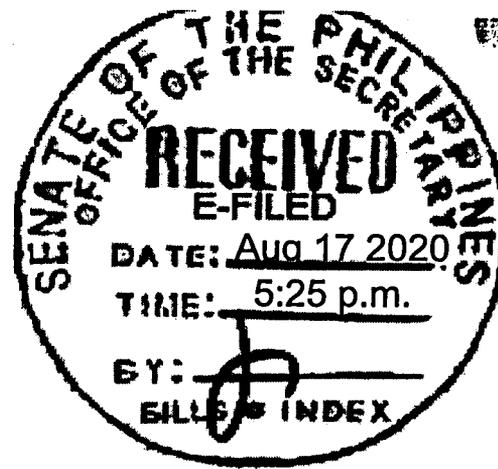
No doubt that these frontline workers are rightfully hailed as the new heroes of our time, as they put their own safety on the line to continue serving the public while the rest of us stay home. This is not the first time nor will it be the last time that these frontline workers have and will staunchly and heroically respond to the call of duty.

Since June is the month when we celebrate Philippine independence which was brought about by the heroism of Filipino revolutionaries who fought against foreign rule, it is only fitting that this measure seeks to institutionalize the annual celebration of the principles, values and contributions of our frontline workers who carry the tradition of the same Filipino heroism through their own hard work and sacrifices. This measure seeks to give recognition to our frontline workers as the new breed of Filipino heroes by declaring the month of June of every year as the National Frontliners Month.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "The National
2 Frontliners Month Act."

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – In recognition of Filipino heroism
5 through the hard work and sacrifices of our frontline workers, the month of June
6 of every year is hereby declared as the "National Frontliners Month."

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8 **SEC. 3. Objectives of the Policy.** - The National Frontliners Month aims
9 to:

- 10 a. Recognize the significant contributions of frontline workers, such as
11 the healthcare workers, pharmacists, energy, water and other utility
12 sector employees, logistic workers, storekeepers, grocery and delivery
13 workers, bank employees, security guards, garbage collectors, media
14 people, social workers, police and military personnel, local government

1 unit employees, barangay officials, government workers, and other
2 frontline workers, in providing basic services for the essential needs of
3 the public, especially during a pandemic and other crises;

4 b. Highlight the heroism of our frontline workers in protecting public
5 welfare and keeping the country going during times of calamities,
6 disasters and other crises;

7 c. Give distinction to major and commendable efforts, response and
8 measures undertaken by our frontline workers, particularly our local
9 government unit and barangay officials and employees; and

10 d. Institutionalize the annual celebration that gives honor to our frontline
11 workers for their essential role and heroic response to the needs of the
12 Filipino people.

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14 **SEC. 4. Lead Agency.** - The Department of Health, the Department of
15 Labor and Employment, and the Department of Interior and Local Government,
16 as the lead, in coordination with the Civil Service Commission and other
17 government agencies, are mandated to conduct activities and programs that
18 promotes the principles and values espoused by our frontline workers as well as
19 those that underscores, honors and/or rewards our frontline workers for their
20 essential role in nation building and for their significant contribution in
21 protecting public welfare.

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23 **SEC. 5. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the
24 provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the
25 year following its enactment into law, and every year thereafter, as may be
26 necessary.

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28 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90) days
29 from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Health, the Department of
30 Labor and Employment and the Civil Service Commission shall promulgate the

1 necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. Such
2 rules and regulations shall take effect immediately thereafter.

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4 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** - Any laws, decrees, ordinances or rules and
5 regulations which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act
6 is hereby amended or repealed.

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8 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
9 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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11 Approved,