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HOUSE BILL NO. 9441



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Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

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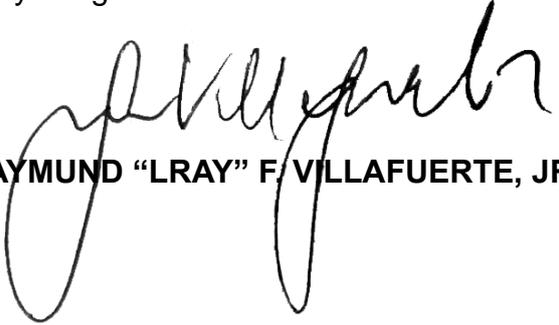
**AN ACT  
DECLARING APRIL 7 OF EVERY YEAR AS BARANGAY HEALTH AND  
NUTRITION  
WORKERS DAY**

This measure seeks to declare April 7 of every year, which is marked and celebrated globally as World Health Day, as Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers Day. This is to recognize the important role and contribution of our Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS).

Our country relies on our BHWs and BNS in delivering primary health care and nutrition services to most of our communities for many decades now. They served as the first contact of individuals and families to our national health system, especially in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs) and remote communities.

In so declaring April 7 as the Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers Day, we aim to promote and honor the important role of our community health, nutrition workers and volunteers.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers' Day Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – The State recognizes the vital role of the barangay health workers (BHWs) and barangay nutrition scholars (BNS) in realizing the right to health of individuals and families in the community.

It also recognizes barangay health and nutrition workers' contributions in the delivery and continuity of primary health care and nutrition services. It also encourages the promotion of wellness and well-being of barangay health and nutrition workers and volunteers as an integral part of our health system and its human resource.

SECTION 3. Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers Day. – The seventh (7th) day of April of every year is hereby declared as Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers Day. To ensure meaningful observance of this day as herein declared, all national government agencies and its instrumentalities, local government units in the country, including private and non-government organizations, are encouraged to organize, participate and engage in ceremonies or activities in their localities, communities, offices or establishments.

SECTION 4. Lead Agencies. – The Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in partnership with the national organization of barangay health and nutrition workers, shall be the lead agencies in charge of the coordination of the preparation and implementation of activities and advocacy campaign for the observance of the "Barangay Health and Nutrition Workers Day."

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The DOH, in coordination with the DILG and consultation with barangay health nutrition workers' organizations, shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,