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House Bill No. **867**

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APEC Party-List Representative Sergio C. Dagooc

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the role of our electrical line workers in our quest for rural electrification and shall guarantee measures to acknowledge their contributions in the power utility sector.

These line workers sacrifice their lives on a day-to-day basis, most especially when natural disasters hit rural areas. Despite the dangers, they remain steadfast to get the systems back to their working state as quickly as possible for the benefit of Filipinos. Whatever the circumstances are, working in extremely dangerous conditions such as their field always poses countless threat.

While these electrical line workers gamble their lives to ensure our comfort and convenience, they have yet remained as one of the underappreciated jobs in the industry. Therefore, this bill proposes to declare every first Monday of August as the "National Linemen Appreciation Day" to acknowledge their distinct efforts to keep our nation running.

This bill was filed and deliberated upon in the 19th Congress and was approved by the House of Representatives on Third Reading. This representation is re-filing this measure to achieve the same objectives.

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



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AN ACT
PROCLAIMING THE FIRST MONDAY OF AUGUST EVERY YEAR AS
LINE WORKERS APPRECIATION DAY

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

1 SECTION 1. **Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "National
2 Line Workers Appreciation Day Act".

3 SECTION 2. **Declaration of State Policy.** - The State recognizes the
4 country's continued economic growth and development by maintaining
5 reliable supply of electricity to the different industries and households,
6 through a well-maintained electricity distribution and transmission system.
7 Thus, it acknowledges the role of the electrical line workers in the quest for
8 sustainable rural development through total electrification of the countryside
9 and appreciates the contribution of our line workers in nation-building.

10 SECTION 3. **National Line Workers Appreciation Day.** - The first
11 Monday of August of every year is hereby declared as National Line Workers
12 Appreciation Day.

13 SECTION 4. **Program of Activities.** - The National Electrification
14 Administration (NEA) shall, in coordination with other stakeholders in the
15 power industry including electric cooperatives, National Grid Corporation of
16 the Philippines, National Transmission Corporation, Private Electric Power
17 Operators Association, Manila Electric Company and other organizations

1 employing line workers, shall conduct lecture sessions for line workers, such
2 as, trainings and seminars to ensure the significance of the National Line
3 Workers Appreciation Day and its meaningful observance.

4 The NEA shall spearhead the conduct of an annual national convention
5 as part of the program of activities for this day. Electric cooperatives shall
6 likewise support the NEA in all its efforts to promote and facilitate related
7 activities.

8 The Department of Energy and private distribution utilities including
9 power transmission companies and telecommunications companies are
10 hereby enjoined to launch activities such as trainings, seminars and learning
11 sessions for line workers in celebration of the National Line Workers
12 Appreciation Day.

13 SECTION 5. **Separability Clause.** - If for any reason, any provision of
14 this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not
15 affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

16 SECTION 6. **Repealing Clause.** - All laws, executive orders, issuances,
17 decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions
18 of this Act are hereby amended, modified, and repealed accordingly.

19 SECTION 7. **Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15)
20 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
21 circulation.

22 Approved,