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**AN ACT PROCLAIMING
THE FIRST MONDAY OF AUGUST EVERY YEAR
AS LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY**

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 men work assiduously on a day to day basis and on some occasions when natural disasters wreak havoc at certain places, they remain on call to get the systems back to their working state as quickly as possible. But whatever the scenario is, they wrestle on extremely dangerous conditions where shortage poses its 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.

Furthermore, the bill also espouses the conduct of a national convention for our linemen to further their knowledge on latest trends concerning their profession which shall be conducted simultaneously on the date of the proposed declaration.

The passage of the bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “National Linemen Appreciation Day Act”

SEC. 2. Declaration of State Policy. – The State recognizes the role of our electrical line workers in our quest for sustainable rural development through rural electrification and shall guarantee measures to acknowledge their contributions in the power utility sector.

SEC. 3. National Linemen Appreciation Day. – The first Monday of August of every year is hereby declared as National Linemen Appreciation Day.

SEC. 4. Program of Activities. – To ensure the significance of National Linemen Appreciation Day, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) shall prepare and implement the annual national convention as a part of the program of activities. Distribution utilities shall likewise support the NEA in all its efforts to promote and facilitate related activities.

Concerned private institutions and the Department of Energy are hereby enjoined to launch activities such as trainings and seminars, learning sessions, and a national convention for linemen in celebration of the National Linemen Appreciation Day.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The NEA in coordination with distribution utilities shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is held invalid and unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in conviction and effect.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified, and repealed accordingly.

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

Approved,