

# [ Act No. 2628., February 04, 1916 ]

## **AN ACT CREATING A PHILIPPINE RED CROSS, DESIGNATING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Whereas in consequence of the great distress from time to time caused among the people by storms, inundations, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, fires, epidemics, and other events with similar effects, relief committees have occasionally been organized and funds raised, appeal being made in the majority of cases to private charity;

Whereas it is from every point of view advisable that there be an organization always ready for the relief of the distress of the sufferers in such cases; that the losses suffered by the persons affected be investigated and as much as possible prevented and mitigated; that private charity be guided and organized, and that public confidence be maintained: Now, therefore,

*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:*

**SECTION 1.** *Creation, name, and nature of the corporation.*-There is hereby created a public corporation which shall be known by the name of Philippine Red Cross.

**SEC. 2.** *Purposes of the Red Cross.*-It shall be the purpose of said corporation:

(a) To investigate and consider the damages caused to the people by storms, inundations, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, fires, epidemics, and other events of similar effects: promote adequate measures for preventing or lessening the ravages caused; propose to the competent authorities such measures as it may deem advisable in each case, and, upon their adoption, cooperate in the execution thereof.

(b) To establish and organize rapid and adequate measures for relieving the sufferers and rendering volunteer aid and assistance to them with the means at its disposal.

(c) To collect funds and receive donations or voluntary contributions for its maintenance and the realization of its purpose.

(d) To supervise, inspect, and when deemed advisable, to take direct charge of all work for the relief of persons injured by public calamities.

(e) In cases of disturbances of the public order, riots, uprisings, strikes accompanied by bloodshed, insurrection, or war, and when the Governor-General so authorizes, to furnish volunteer aid to the sick, wounded and disabled in the form and manner in such cases prescribed, with such means as it may have at its disposal.

**SEC. 3.** *Corporate powers.*-The corporation hereby created shall have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued; may hold such real and personal estate as shall be necessary for the accomplishment of its purposes, and make contracts regarding the same; may accept donations, legacies, and trusts for the purposes, or any of them, for which it has been created; may adopt a seal and alter and change the