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Magandang umaga po! For comments and approval po. And thank you for welcoming me on the team! National Hijab Day message:

Happy National Hijab Day to our sisters of all faiths and cultures!

Today we mark this inaugural celebration following the House of Representatives voting unanimously on Tuesday to approve a bill declaring February 1 of each year as National Hijab Day.

The bill encourages schools, government institutions, and the private sector to raise awareness and understanding on the Muslim tradition of the wearing of hijab.

To Muslim women, the hijab is more than just a garment—it is a symbol of faith and religious expression, it is a way of life. However, the layers of misconceptions on the hijab and Muslim culture have lead to prejudice and discrimination. Surely, hijabi women are no stranger to being profiled or tagged as terrorists simply because of their clothing, and this has to stop.

Which is why initiatives like this to educate the public and foster interfaith dialogue are imperative. By putting forth issues experienced by the Muslim community into the national narrative, one step at a time, we are able to promote respect and acceptance of different cultures and religions.

We enjoin everyone to observe National Hijab Day. Each of us has a role to play in breaking the stigma and ending all forms of discrimination. Let us come together to forge a path toward peace and national unity.