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TO

ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL/FIELD OFFICERS, THE

ARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT

18-DAY CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The commemoration of the annual 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) for 2010 commence on November 25 and ends on December 12, 2010. With the passage of Republic Act 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women (MCW), government agencies and local government units (LGUs) are faced with the greater challenge of ensuring that the issue on VAW is addressed more resolutely.

This year's campaign carries the theme "Magna Carta ni PiNay: Gawing Tunay-Karahasan sa Kababaihan, Wakasan!" and aims to draw attention to Section 12 of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the MCW which mandates protection and security for women during situations of emergency, conflict and militarization and the creation of a VAW Desk in all barangays.

In this regard, LGUs are hereby enjoined to commemorate the 2010 18-day campaign in their respective localities by:

- Initiating activities that will contribute to the discourse and action to end gender-based violence;
- Conducting an inventory of gender-sensitive services and initiatives to victim-survivors of VAW in the LGUs;
- Hanging streamers in front of their respective buildings or halls announcing participation in the campaign; and
- Participating in the Forum on Localizing MCW (for LGUs with high incidence of VAW and those who want to formulate their GAD Codes) utilizing LGU funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For more information on the Forum on Localizing MCW, you may contact Ms. Nharleen Santos-Millar of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) at cellphone no. 0917-8817030, landline no. 7358918 or 7351645 locals 109 and 128 or email address: pad_vaw@yahoo.com.

Further, all DILG Regional Field Officers are hereby directed to disseminate this Memorandum Circular in their respective area of jurisdiction and provide technical assistance when appropriate and necessary.

For information and guidance.

JESSE M. ROBREDO Secretary