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TO

ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG REGIONAL

DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT

OBSERVANCE OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOCAL

GOVERNMENT CODE

Presidential Proclamation No. 63 (s.1992), signed on October 2, 1992 declared October as the Local Government Month, the second week of October as the Local Government Week and the 10th day of October as the Local Government Day in the Philippines, in commemoration of the passage of the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991.

The LGC ushered in a new era of empowering local government units (LGUs) to become partners in national development and conduits for grassroots-level democracy and community participation, vigilance and volunteerism in pursuit of local development.

In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Local Government Code, all LGUs are encouraged to:

> Release statements to the press on their notable achievements in becoming: a) business-friendly and competitive; b) socially-protective and safe; c) accountable, transparent, participative and effective; and/or d) environmentprotective, disaster-resilient and climate change-adaptive.

> > Participate in activities that may be convened by the Department of the Interior and Local Government at the Central, Regional and Provincial Offices and other

agencies and development partners; and

Openly promote LGU achievements to other government agencies, development partners, local media and the public in activities during the LGC Anniversary Celebration.

This year's theme is "LGC@25: Pagsulong, Progreso, Pagbabago", a call to all LGUs to continue their pursuit of performance excellence in local governance and development, as well as to celebrate milestones and innovations in good local governance, highlighting significant breakthroughs and exemplary performance, and to set a strategic direction towards deepening and strengthening local autonomy.

Anent the above, Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays and other elected officials are encouraged to organize and participate in simple but meaningful activities with other local governance stakeholders to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the LGC.

Accordingly, concerned LGUs are requested to furnish the DILG Regional/Field Offices the schedule of their activities for the month of October in observance of the 25th Year LGC Anniversary.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Secretary

