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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, REGIONAL/ PROVINCIAL/CITY DIRECTORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICERS, THE BARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT:

OBSERVANCE OF CY 2019 DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL (DAPC) WEEK

As drug abuse remains to be one of the perennial problems, international organizations recognize the importance of establishing a united front that will strive to raise people's consciousness on the adverse effects of drug abuse.

This has served as an impetus for member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) to take the lead in advocating for drug abuse prevention and control. Indeed, during the 9th meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in September 1985, member countries have agreed to take up such advocacy through the observance of Drug Abuse Prevention and Control (DAPC) Week.

The observance of the DAPC Week in the Philippines was formalized in 2001 after former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed Presidential Proclamation No. 124, *declaring the third week of November of every year as Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week*. For the Philippine Government, observance of the DAPC Week, spearheaded by the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), is a proof that it is serious in intensifying its information, education and communication campaigns against drug abuse.

The Department issues this Circular, in support to the CY 2019 DAPC Week from November 17 to November 23, 2019, with the theme, "Katarungan para sa Kalusugan, Kalusugan para sa Katarungan".

All Local Chief Executives are enjoined to conduct related activities for the local observation of the DAPC Week guided by the DILG Memorandum Circular 2018 – 202 re: Observance of Drug Abuse Prevention and Control (DAPC) Week. Putting up of displays depicting this year's theme, such as tarpaulins and/or banners, in public places are highly encouraged. For reference, prescribed materials can be downloaded through this link: https://www.ddb.gov.ph/images/downloads/DAPC_Tarp_Template_for_agencies_and_orgs.jpg

All Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular.

For information and guidance.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

Ref. No. PETID/2019/10/03

30 October 2019

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Secretary
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Dear Secretary Año:

Greetings from the Dangerous Drugs Board!

Relative to the upcoming celebration of the DAPC Week 2019, we wish to inform your good office of the cancellation of the Kick-off Ceremonies to be held in Koronadal City, South Cotabato on 18 November 2019. This Setback is due to the unstable situation of the province.

Instead the DAPC Week program will be held at the Elements Center, Eton Centris, EDSA, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City on 25 November 2019 (Monday). The highlight of the program will be the Provision of Financial Assistance to TESDA relative to DDB's project "Tahanang Pangkabuhayan" for the People Who Use Drugs (PWUs)

In this connection, we would like to respectfully reiterate our request for your agency to undertake activities which are geared towards the attainment of our goals by way of promoting the event and the campaign message through:

- Putting-up streamers/banners in strategic places in your agency (Template will be uploaded at the DDB website);
- Posting of the event and its theme on your electronic billboard (if any); and;
- Participation of your staff (maximum of 5 persons) during the event's program.
 (Please note that food, transportation and other incidental expenses shall be borne by the sending agency).
- Issuance of a Memorandum Circular for the said activities intended for dissemination to the different Regional Offices.

For other concerns pertinent to DAPC Week, please contact Ms. Rowena H. Espiloy at telephone number 8929-6638 and mobile number 09778071324, email address rhespiloy.ddb@gmailcom. We will officially furnish you with the provisional program once available.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your favorable response on matters of mutual concern.

Very truly yours,

Secretary CATALINO S. CUY, CEO VI Chairman