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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
Field Operations-Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao

ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Field Operations and Environment

SUBJECT : **MEMORANDUM DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 2020 OF
ENGR. WILLIAM P. CUNADO, OIC-DIRECTOR,
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU,
REQUESTING FOR A MEMORANDUM FOR THE
OBSERVANCE OF WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
DAY**

DATE : 22 September 2020

This pertains to the Memorandum dated 18 September 2020 requesting for a Memorandum in observance of World Environmental Health Day.

Pursuant to **Proclamation No. 595 Declaring September 26 of every year as "World Environmental Health Day" in the Philippines signed by President Rodrigo Duterte** and DENR Memorandum Circular 2019-05 signed by Secretary Roy Cimatu, all personnel are hereby encouraged to observe World Environmental Day on September 26, 2020 and cooperate with the Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health (IACEH) in advocating and implementing programs and activities pursuant to this Proclamation.

For your reference, please find attached Proclamation No. 595 and an advance copy of the letter from the Department of Health and programme on the commemoration of said undertaking.

For your compliance, please.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, *CESO I*

Cc: The OIC-Director
Environmental Management Bureau

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLICY, PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR FIELD OPERATIONS, AND SUPERVISING UNDERSECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU

FROM : THE OIC-DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR A MEMORANDUM IN OBSERVANCE OF WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY


DATE : 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

Pursuant to *Proclamation No. 595 Declaring September 26 of every year as "World Environmental Health Day" in the Philippines* signed by President Rodrigo Duterte and DENR Memorandum Circular 2019-05 signed by Secretary Roy Cimatu, may we seek for an endorsement requesting all DENR and EMB Regional Offices to observe World Environmental Health Day this September 26, 2020.

Please find attached Proclamation No. 595 and an advance copy of the letter from the Department of Health and programme on the commemoration of World Environmental Health Day, for your reference.

Our staff at the Environmental Management Bureau c/o Ms. Maria Cristina Francisco and Ms. Loriezel Montealegre will be coordinating with your Office on this matter. Should you have any clarifications they can be reached emailed at cristina_francisco@emb.gov.ph or macgaf2017@gmail.com and lorizel_montealegre@yahoo.com, respectively.

For your consideration, Sir.


ENGR. WILLIAM P. CUÑADO
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National Celebration of the World Environmental Health Day (WEHD) 2020
25 September 2020 (Friday) | 09:30 – 11:30 AM, 01:30 – 03:30 PM

“Sa panahon ng pandemya, malusog na kapaligiran ang BIDA”

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE
09:15 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:40	Opening Ceremonies	
	Welcome Messages	Secretary Francisco Duque Department of Health Secretary Roy Cimatu Department of Environment and Natural Resources Dr. Rabindra Abeyasinghe Acting WHO Representative in the Philippines
09:40 – 09:45	Celebration Overview and Agenda	DOH DPCB
09:45 – 09:55	Updates on the Inter- Agency Committee on Environmental Health (IACEH) a. Publication of the Implementing Guidelines of Executive Order 489	Dr. Napoleon Arevalo Director IV DOH Disease Prevention and Control Bureau (DPCB)
09:55 – 10:00	Updates on the National Environmental Health Action Plan (NEHAP)	Engr. William Cunado Director DENR Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)
10:00 – 10:15	Environmental Health Framework and COVID-19	Dr. Paul Michael Hernandez College of Public Health University of the Philippines Manila
10:15 – 10:30	WASH and COVID-19 prevention	Mr. Paul del Rosario UNICEF Philippines
10:30 – 10:45	Air quality, climate change, solid waste and COVID-19 prevention	Engr. Marcelino N. Rivera, Jr. DENR EMB
10:45 – 11:00	Hazardous waste and COVID-19 prevention	Mr. Geri Geronimo Sanes DENR EMB
11:00 – 11:15	Air quality & COVID-19 prevention	Dr. Mylene Cayetano Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology, University of the Philippines Diliman
11:15 – 11:30	Commentary/ Open Forum	Dr. Geminn Louis Apostol Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health

01:30 – 01:45	BIDA Campaign Promotion	Dr. Beverly Lorraine Ho Director IV DOH Health Promotion and Communication Service (HPCS)
01:45 – 02:00	Sharing of Best Practices on Health Care Waste Management	Dr. Karen Arago San Lazaro Hospital
02:00 – 02:30	Sharing of Best Practices on Environmental Sectors and COVID-19 Prevention	DENR EMB NCR
02:30 – 02:45	Sharing of Best WASH Practices	Manila Water Foundation
02:45 – 03:00	Sharing of Best Experiences on Drinking- Water Sector's Support to the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission	Administrator Jeci Lopus Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA)
03:00 – 03:25	Panel Discussion	Engr. Bonifacio Magtibay World Health Organization Philippines
03:25 – 03:30	Closing Remarks	Engr. William Cunado Director DENR EMB



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

24 August 2020

SEC. ROY A. CIMATU

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Secretary Cimatú:

Recognizing the importance of having health and environment at the center of sustainable development and to protect and advance the right of the Filipino people to a balanced and healthful ecology and right to health, President Rodrigo Duterte signed Proclamation 595, s. 2018 declaring every September 26 as the World Environmental Health Day (WEHD) in the Philippines. The presidential issuance mandates the Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health (IACEH) which was institutionalized by Executive Order no. 489, through its lead agencies, the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), to promote the observance of WEHD in the Philippines as a venue for promoting advocacies on relevant issues. Moreover, environmental health measures are vital in protecting public health, especially in preventing the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Ensuring good WASH and waste management practices in communities, homes, schools, marketplaces, prisons and health care facilities will further help prevent the spread of the virus, especially considering its sustained community transmission.

In that regard, the DOH and DENR will jointly organize a national level observance of WEHD this year with the theme "*Sa panahon ng pandemya, malusog na kapaligiran ang BIDA*" (*Environmental Health, A Key Public Health Intervention In Disease Pandemic Prevention*). Webinars and sharing of best practices are lined-up to highlight the importance of addressing COVID-19 through environmental health measures. We are happy to note that this WEHD activity is one of the legacies of the Philippines as the previous Chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Health and Environment from 2017 to 2019.

As a key partner of DOH, we would like to invite you and three representatives to take part in the **Virtual National Celebration of the World Environmental Health Day (WEHD) 2020 on 25 September 2020 (Friday), 09:30 – 11:30 AM and 01:30 – 3:30 PM**. We would also like to request you to deliver a Welcome Message. Enclosed is the provisional programme and event banner, for your reference. We will communicate with you for the meeting log-in details (WebEx).

We look forward to your acceptance of our invitation and you may confirm or relay your queries through Engr. Maria Sonabel Anarna via email at masonabel@yahoo.com and Ms. Christine Gaylan at cdgaylan.bihc@gmail.com or contact 02 8651 7800 loc 2324 or 09992244819.

Thank you and we look forward to your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, MD, MSc
Secretary of Health



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 595

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR AS "WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY" IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Constitution declares that the State shall protect and advance the right of the Filipino people to a balanced and healthful ecology and shall protect and promote their right to health and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, a study by the World Health Organization (WHO) revealed that about one-fourth, or an estimated 12.6 million, of all global deaths have occurred due to environmental risks such as air, water and soil pollution, chemical exposures, climate change and ultraviolet radiation;

WHEREAS, according to the WHO, environmental health addresses all the physical, chemical, and biological factors external to a person, and all the related factors impacting human behavior;

WHEREAS, environmental health encompasses the assessment and control of the said environmental factors that can potentially affect health and is targeted towards preventing diseases and creating health-supportive environments;

WHEREAS, September 26 has been declared as "World Environmental Health Day" by the International Federation of Environmental Health, to be celebrated each year to promote awareness of pressing environmental health issues, encourage cooperation between countries on areas where environmental health risks and problems cross borders and transcend boundaries, and stimulate action among stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of World Environmental Health Day in the Philippines is supportive of the objectives of the Philippine Development Plan 2017 to 2022, as it seeks to raise public consciousness on the relationship of health and the environment, and promote activities and programs which ensure accountability on health and environmental integrity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare September 26 of every year as "**World Environmental Health Day**" in the Philippines.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health (IACEH), through its lead agencies, the Department of Health and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, shall promote the observance of the World Environmental Health Day in the Philippines, as well as determine the theme and identify the programs, projects, and activities for the yearly celebration thereof.

All other agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby directed, and all local government units, as well as the private sector, including non-government organizations, the academe, and environmental health professionals, are hereby encouraged to cooperate with the IACEH in advocating and implementing programs and activities pursuant to this Proclamation.

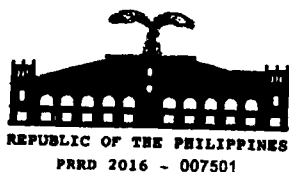
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 1st day of **October**, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

R Duterte 

By the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary *2*



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