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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY**

**TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**DATE : March 7, 2022**

**SUBJECT : ADOPTION OF THE SFFI's CARBON NEUTRAL PROGRAM (CNP) THROUGH A NATIONWIDE ANNUAL TREE PLANTING CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE**

In the exigency of service, and in order to contribute to the achievement of the outstanding commitment of the country to reduce carbon emission by 75% as its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement during the COP21, you are hereby directed to adopt the Carbon Neutral Program (CNP) of the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI) as adopted by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) as the Carbon Neutral Program for Professionals (CNPP).

To implement this, all Regional Offices shall coordinate with the SFFI and the PRC in organizing annual tree planting activities held every June 25 coinciding with the Philippine Arbor Day and the Environmental Month with participation of all stakeholders. As such, said Offices shall initiate site identification; site adoption; formulation of implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms; and all other related activities relevant to fulfill this commitment.

In order to sustain gains, the Department shall facilitate forging of memorandum of agreement between and among Regional stakeholders between all concerned parties (from the government, private organizations, and non-government entities) to ensure holistic and continued implementation of the Program.

For strict compliance.

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