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SPECIAL ORDER No. 2023 - \_384\_

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF PHILIPPINE ARBOR DAY ON 26 JUNE 2023

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 396, series of 2003 and Proclamation No. 643, series of 2004 enjoining all government agencies to conduct tree planting activities and institutionalizing the celebration of the **Philippine Arbor Day** every 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, the conduct of the said celebration is hereby authorized to be held on **Monday**, **June 26**, **2023** at the DENR Central Office, in time for the visit of His Excellency, President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr.

The activity aims to develop public awareness on the role and importance of forests in maintaining ecosystem services beneficial to people; and the importance of protecting and rehabilitating denuded forest lands for a greener and healthier Philippines. Further, the celebration seeks to actively involve the Department's officials and employees as well as its partners and stakeholders in the protection and conservation of the country's environment and natural resources.

The activities at the DENR Central Office shall be joined by the following officials and employees:

- 1. All Undersecretaries
- 2. All Assistant Secretaries
- 3. Heads of Attached Agencies (NAMRIA, NWRB, LLDA)
- 4. All Service/Project/Office Directors in the DENR Central Office
- 5. All Bureau Directors
- 6. All Regional Executive Directors

All concerned personnel from various offices are likewise authorized to participate during the conduct of the event based on Annex A.

The Regional Offices, Bureaus and Attached Agencies are likewise enjoined to conduct their own environmental activities in partnership with their respective stakeholders in celebration of the said event.

Observance of the minimum public health and safety protocols set by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases shall be strictly imposed throughout the conduct of the activities.

All expenses to be incurred in relation to this specific activity shall be charged to DENR funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The Chief of Staff and Supervising Undersecretary for Strategic Communications is authorized to reschedule the event in case of conflict with other activities of the Department.

The Forest Management Bureau shall submit a report to the undersigned within fifteen working days (15) days upon the completion of the activity.

This Order shall take effect on the date specified herein.

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