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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**FOR :** HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS, AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

**SUBJECT :** PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL (IACM) 2022

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11166, s. 2018, otherwise known as the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act", the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) is mandated as the central advisory, planning, and policy-making body for the comprehensive and integrated HIV and AIDS prevention and control response. By its mandate, the PNAC Information Education and Communication (IEC) Committee coordinates the HIV and AIDS activities including this years' commemoration of the Philippine IACM, a global observance of those we lost to AIDS. This annual event, held every third Sunday of May, will acknowledge the dedication of government and communities to helping people living and affected by HIV and will serve as a platform for HIV awareness and renewal of commitment of all stakeholders.

This year, the Philippine IACM will be spearheaded by Network Plus, the umbrella organization of more than 50 People Living with HIV (PLHIV) groups nationwide with the support of PNAC. With the local theme of "Keeping the light, honoring our rights, radiating pride", the message of the Philippine IACM is focused on human rights and the continued fight against HIV stigma and discrimination. The national event will be held on May 20, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Liwasang Aurora, Quezon Memorial Circle.

To promote public awareness in the observance of the event, all government agencies are encouraged to extend their full support through the following activities:

- Production and display of a banner (tarpaulin or cloth) in government offices or other strategic places that announce the observance of the Philippine IACM 2022; and,
- Conduct of HIV and AIDS education online session or similar forum consistent with the CSC Memorandum Circular 11, s. 2013 or "Guidelines in the Implementation of Workplace Policy and Education Program on HIV and AIDS".

For further details and information, agencies may coordinate with Mr. Richard Laroya, PNAC Secretariat, at telephone number 8671-9498 or email at pnacsecretariat8504@gmail.com.



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