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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 : 2017 NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK

Republic Act (RA) No. 9201 declares the period from **December 4 - 10** of every year as "**National Human Rights Consciousness Week**". This celebration intends, among others, to generate greater awareness among the public on the ideals and principles of human rights, impress upon the private sector that human rights is a shared responsibility with the state, and to promote human rights as universal and applicable to all, including children as well as individuals with diverse sexual orientation and gender identity.

To promote public awareness in the observance of the event, and in line with the Memorandum Circular of the National Steering Committee for National Human Rights Consciousness Week, all government agencies are encouraged to undertake related activities, such as:

- Print and display of the celebratory streamer for the 2017 National Human Rights Consciousness Week and the 69th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (design template attached);
- Pledging of commitment to human rights during Mondays flag ceremonies (Pledge of Commitment to Human Rights) ;
- Inter-agency forum or public dialogue discussing the importance of human rights;
- Inter-agency seminar on human rights of vulnerable groups as identified in the Magna Carta of Women;
- Production of Frequently Asked Questions on Human Rights and dissemination of the same to schools and other audiences;
- Road show and exhibit of human rights materials in every agency's strategic areas; and,
- Other Activities to raise the awareness of the general public on human rights.

For more information and details, you may coordinate with the **Commission on Human Rights** at telephone numbers 928-5655 and 926-6188.


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