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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 : INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2021

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11166, s. 2018, the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) will lead the observance of the **International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (IACM)** on 16 May 2021. The IACM is one of the world's oldest campaigns for HIV awareness, and takes place every third Sunday in May.

With the theme "We Remember. We Take Action. We Live Beyond HIV.", the event aims to emphasize the need for people living with and affected by HIV to join hands and working together is essential to reduce stigma, discrimination and promote involvement of people living with HIV for more effective HIV responses.

All government agencies are encouraged to support and participate in the observance of the IACM on any day within the Month of May 2021, or when feasible, on 16 May 2021. The following are recommended ways of observance:

- Production and display of a banner (tarpaulin or cloth) in government offices or other strategic places that announce the observance of AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2021; 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 the PNAC Secretariat at telephone number (02) 8651-7800 locals 2212 and 2214, or email at pnacsecretariat8504@gmail.com


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