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ANNOUNCEMENT

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SUBJECT: 2016 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial – “Engage, Educate, Empower”

On May 14, 2016, the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) shall observe the 2016 Philippine International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (PIACM) with the theme **“Engage, Educate, Empower.”** The Memorial emphasizes the need for people living with and affected by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) to join hands and work together in response to HIV. Their involvement to this endeavor is essential for the efficient provision of a sustainable HIV response through universal access to quality health and social services, in line with Kalusugang Pangkalahatan (AO 0036).

The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) epidemic in the country has been growing rapidly in recent years. The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) reported the Philippines as one of nine countries with increasing trend in HIV incidence by 25%. As of January 2016, there is already one new case every 1.5 hours. While in the general population, HIV prevalence remains below one percent, it has breached this threshold in certain urban localities and key-affected populations.

To promote public awareness in the observance of the event, all government agencies are enjoined to undertake the following activities:

- Production and display of a banner (tarpaulin or cloth) in government offices or other strategic places;
- Conduct of HIV and AIDS education 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”; and
- Participation in the collaborative event between the Department of Health, Quezon City Government, and the Project Ribbon on May 14, 2016. The event, 2016 Philippine International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, will culminate in the lighting of candles during AIDS Hour between 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to take selfies and post it on facebook pages with the following hashtags: #PIACM2016, #AIDSHour2016 and #PUSHPh.

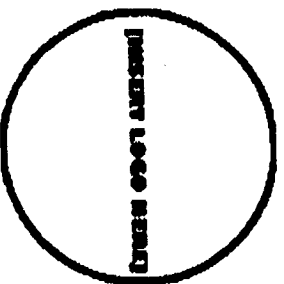
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Attached is the sample tarpaulin/banner design, and primer on PNAC and PIACM 2016 for your reference.

For further details and information, please coordinate with the **PNAC Secretariat** at telephone number (02) 651-7800 extension 2551, or fax number (02) 743-0512, or email at pnac_sec@yahoo.com or pnacsecretariat@doh.gov.ph.


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