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### MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

**TO: ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; GOVERNMENT- OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS; AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

**SUBJECT: Activities in Celebration of Earth Month**

Earth Month celebrations started in the 1970s when organizations and governments across the globe dedicated the month of April to mobilize communities for a healthy and sustainable environment and a green planet.

This year, Earth Month started with Earth Hour, a world-wide effort to reduce carbon emissions by turning off lights for one hour last Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 to 9:30 pm.

Similar concerted efforts by government entities and its 1.4 million workforce can have an immense impact on environmental conservation. Hence, the Civil Service Commission hereby enjoins all instrumentalities of the government and their personnel to undertake the following Earth Month activities:

- a) Hold at least one talk during a flag raising ceremony to be conducted by DENR officials or civil society advocates to discuss environmental issues and concerns in the country and what people can do in their respective workplaces, houses and communities to conserve energy and resources, reduce pollution, conserve flora and fauna and otherwise preserve Mother Earth;
- b) Begin or expand segregation of garbage in the workplace. Offices can set up the basic system of one bin for paper, cans, plastic, glass, cloth and other non-biodegradables, and another bin for all other trash;
- c) Bring plants for the office. Every employee can bring at least one plant for the office area or on the agency grounds;

- d) Turn off lights for one hour once a week for the whole month with offices taking turns through the week;
- e) Set a car-less day. Schedule government vehicles to be garaged one day a week in April, as long as public services will not be affected.

Government agencies should be able to determine the savings generated from the conservation efforts in activities (d) and (e).



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