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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : **All Officials and Employees
DENR Central Office
The Regional Executive Directors
The Bureau Directors
The Heads of Attached Agencies**

SUBJECT : **DECLARING SEPTEMBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE
WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY IN THE
PHILIPPINES**

DATE : **SEP 29 2021**

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 595 dated October 1, 2018, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared September 26 of every year as the "World Environmental Health Day" (WEHD) in the Philippines. The theme for this year is "**Kaligtasan at Kalusugan sa Kapaligiran, BIDA sa Pagbangon ng Lipunan.**"

In this regard, you are hereby enjoined to undertake an awareness campaign and to set up initiatives and events to promote and celebrate World Environmental Health Day **every September 26.**

Furthermore, you are hereby instructed to include this event in your respective calendar of activities to be observed and celebrated yearly.

The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in coordination with the Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (SCIS) shall lead over-all activities in the observance of the above-mentioned annual event.

The DENR central office, regional offices, bureaus and attached agencies shall submit a report to the undersigned through the SCIS of any initiatives and activities undertaken relative to this event.

For your compliance.


ROY A. CIMATU





MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 595

**DECLARING SEPTEMBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR AS "WORLD
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY" IN THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, the Constitution declares that the State shall protect and advance the right of the Filipino people to a balanced and healthful ecology and shall protect and promote their right to health and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, a study by the World Health Organization (WHO) revealed that about one-fourth, or an estimated 12.6 million, of all global deaths have occurred due to environmental risks such as air, water and soil pollution, chemical exposures, climate change and ultraviolet radiation;

WHEREAS, according to the WHO, environmental health addresses all the physical, chemical, and biological factors external to a person, and all the related factors impacting human behavior;

WHEREAS, environmental health encompasses the assessment and control of the said environmental factors that can potentially affect health and is targeted towards preventing diseases and creating health-supportive environments;

WHEREAS, September 26 has been declared as "World Environmental Health Day" by the International Federation of Environmental Health, to be celebrated each year to promote awareness of pressing environmental health issues, encourage cooperation between countries on areas where environmental health risks and problems cross borders and transcend boundaries, and stimulate action among stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of World Environmental Health Day in the Philippines is supportive of the objectives of the Philippine Development Plan 2017 to 2022, as it seeks to raise public consciousness on the relationship of health and the environment, and promote activities and programs which ensure accountability on health and environmental integrity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare September 26 of every year as **"World Environmental Health Day"** in the Philippines.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health (IACEH), through its lead agencies, the Department of Health and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, shall promote the observance of the World Environmental Health Day in the Philippines, as well as determine the theme and identify the programs, projects, and activities for the yearly celebration thereof.

All other agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby directed, and all local government units, as well as the private sector, including non-government organizations, the academe, and environmental health professionals, are hereby encouraged to cooperate with the IACEH in advocating and implementing programs and activities pursuant to this Proclamation.

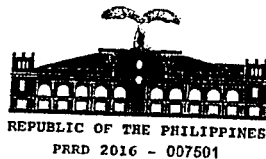
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

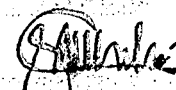
DONE, in the City of Manila, this 1st day of **October**, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

R Duterte 

By the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary




10-2-2018