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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS,
PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN,
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD AND SANGUNIANG BAYAN, PUNONG
BARANGAYS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR AND DILG REGIONAL
DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS

Prefatory Statement

On May 27, 2010, Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010," was enacted to strengthen the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction System. Specifically, it provides for the development of policies and plans and the implementation of actions and measures concerning all aspects of disaster risk reduction and management, including good governance, risk assessment and early warning knowledge-building and awareness-raising, reducing underlying risk factors, and preparedness for effective response and early recovery.

Further, this Act recognizes local risk patterns across the country and directs the strengthening of local government capacities on disaster risk reduction and management through decentralized powers, responsibilities and resources.

On the other hand, Executive Order No. 888, s. 2010, adopts the Strategic National Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction for CYs 2009-2019. Principal among the concerns of this Department is the enhancement of the capacities of Local Disaster Coordinating Councils, now referred to as Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils.

The Framework of Governance of the Presidency demands a shared vision and harmony of actions in bringing about desirable development outcomes. Guided by this Framework and within the purview of the delegated general supervisory authority of the President, the Department of the Interior and Local Government hereby enjoins local authorities to implement the mandates of the law as reiterated in this Memorandum Circular.