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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
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**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** 2016 EARTH HOUR ON MARCH 19 FROM 8:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M.

The Philippines will, once again, join the global community in celebrating the **10<sup>th</sup> year of Earth Hour**, with cities and municipalities all over the world switching off their lights from 8:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. on (Saturday) 19 March 2016, sending an even stronger message to take action on global warming. This year's Earth Hour encourages everyone to help **shine a light on climate action**, helping spread a new era of climate awareness that started when the world came together and agreed on a global climate deal in Paris. This campaign drives the urgency and gives a strong reason why every individual needs to take action today as climate change affects people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures.

In this connection, all Local Chief Executives of provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays are encouraged to continue to broaden public participation, and support its vision of "going beyond the hour" when Filipinos take action against climate change from this Earth Hour and beyond, through:

1. Switch off or dim their non-essential lights, including streetlights, signages and key monuments, during this global "lights out" on Saturday, March 19, at 8:30 P.M. for one hour;
2. Promote the Earth Hour 2016, release a memorandum inviting your officers, employees and constituents to join and be part of Earth Hour 2016;
3. Document your own Earth Hour event and/or key monument switch offs and send to World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF or through [www.wwf.org.ph/earthhour](http://www.wwf.org.ph/earthhour)), which shall upload the photos online to showcase endeavors to celebrate Earth Hour 2016 around the country;
4. Mobilize the private sector within your jurisdiction to support Earth Hour by switching off their signage lights or some of their lights in their facilities, as their operations/business will allow; and
5. Pledge to go "Beyond the Hour" and be *Shine a Light on Climate Action* by publicly promoting renewed ways/practices/programs of initiating change, which can include environmental projects/actions that the offices and individuals are willing to undertake throughout the year.

All DILG Regional Directors and the DILG-ARMM Regional Governor are also directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to LGUs within their respective jurisdictions.

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Secretary

