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**NATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOR THE 500-DAY COUNTDOWN TO THE 2021  
QUINCENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION IN THE PHILIPPINES  
(2021 QCP) AND LANDMARK LIGHTING**

Memorandum Circular No. 2019-209

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**1.0 Background**

- 1.1 Pursuant to Executive Order No 55, series of 2018, the National Quincentennial Committee was created to prepare the country in commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Victory at Mactan and other related events in 2021. Part of raising awareness of our countrymen to the said milestones is the conduct of the nationwide 500-Day Countdown to the 500 years on December 14, 2019. It will be done through illumination of various historic and cultural sites in the country symbolizing freedom, greatness and pre-colonial heritage.
- 1.2 In 2021, our nation will commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philippine part in the first circumnavigation of the world, Victory of Mactan and other related events. The National Quincentennial Committee (NQC) serves as clearing house of all 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP).

**2.0 Purpose**

This policy enjoins all Local Chief Executives to support the 500-Day Countdown to the Quincentennial and Landmark Lighting.

**3.0 Scope/Coverage**

All Provincial Governors, City Mayors, Municipal Mayors, and DILG Regional Directors, The Chief Minister of BARMM and all others concerned

**4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines**

- 4.1. Part of raising the awareness of our countrymen to the said milestones is the conduct of the National Solidarity for the 500-day Countdown to the 2021 QCP and Landmark Lighting on December 14, 2019, Saturday at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon. It will be done through illumination of various historic and cultural sites in the country symbolizing freedom, greatness and pre-colonial heritage.
- 4.2. On December 14, 2019, Saturday at 5:45 pm, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, in collaboration with other national government agencies, City Government of Lapu-Lapu and the private sector, will lead the nationwide 500-day countdown in the Liberty Shrine in Lapu-Lapu City.

- 4.3. The NQC Technical Working Group on Branding and Communication, headed by the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), is committed to provide promotion and publicity support for the National Solidarity for the 500-day Countdown to the 2021 QCP and the Landmark Lighting. The PTV and RTVM will provide live coverage for the main event at the Liberty Shrine and Hoops Dome, Lapu-Lapu City, as well as in the Peace and Unity Monument in Davao City and Rizal National Monument in Rizal Park, Manila.
- 4.4. The Philippine Information Agency Regional Offices nationwide will also provide publicity for the said activity in various parts of the country.
- 4.5. Due to technical limitations of providing live coverage to all, all participating LGUs are encouraged to contribute video footages of their respective events, for inclusion in the same-day edit audio-visual presentation, by uploading their respective videos immediately to the link provided by the PCOO.
- 4.6. All Local Chief Executives and DILG Regional Offices are enjoined to support and participate in the said activity.
- 4.7. All DILG Regional Directors and the BARMM Minister of Local Government are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all LGUs within their respective regional assignments.

## **5.0 Reference**

- 5.1 Letter from Dr. Rene R. Escalante, Chairperson, National Historical Commission of the Philippines and Vice-Chairperson, National Quincentennial Committee

## **6.0 Effectivity**

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

## **7.0 Approving Authority**

  
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## **8.0 Feedback**

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