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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO

ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES. SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/ PANLUNGSOD, ALL DILG FIELD OFFICES AND ALL OTHERS

CONCERNED

SUBJECT:

OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL BICYCLE DAY AND CONDUCT OF RELATED ACTIVITIES AND PRESIDENTIAL **PROGRAMS** AS PER **PROCLAMATION** 2019-008018 AND A/RES/72/272: UN DECLARATION OF WORLD

BICYCLE DAY

This refers to the implementation of active transport activities in observance of the National Bicycle Day 2020 in adherence to Presidential Proclamation 2019-008018, the National Transport Policy and Bayanihan Act II Law.

Said proclamation declares the fourth (4th) Sunday of November of each year to be known as the "National Bicycle Day". Supporting Laws include RA 8749: Clean Air Act, Proclamation 1109 S. 1997: Clean Air Month, RA 9512: Environmental Awareness Month.

The proclamation encourages all national and local government agencies to promote active transportation through biking; and consequently providing existing and future bikers, safer and faster routes to their destination. Such intervention is timely and relevant with the increase of bikers due to the reduced carrying capacity of public transportation attributed to physical distancing imposed amidst the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

In line with this, all local government units are enjoined to participate in the annual observance of the "National Bicycle Day" through the following:

- 1. Demarcating and assigning a portion of certain streets as "car-less" for at least a day,
- 2. Engage in other activities in line with promoting active transportation

Towards this end, all local sanggunians are enjoined to legislate measures in support of this cause and local chief executives to implement the same in their respective areas of jurisdiction. LGUs are also encouraged to partner with concerned cause-oriented groups and the private sector to promote the use of active transportation alternatives to help their constituents during this time of pandemic and promote physical wellness while protecting the environment.

All field offices are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this circular to all concerned.

For compliance.

EDUARDO M. AÑO Secretary

