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ANNOUNCEMENT

TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS (GOCCs), AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs)

SUBJECT : Adoption Consciousness Day

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) leads the celebration of Adoption Consciousness Day every 1st Saturday of the month of February per Presidential Proclamation No. 72, s. 1999. The DSWD has lined-up various activities for the whole month of February which aims to intensify the advocacy for the practice of proper and legal adoption of abandoned, surrendered or neglected children.

The theme for this year's celebration is "**Legal na Ampon Ako: Anak na Totoo**" with English caption "**A Child Finds Worth in Legal Adoption**". The theme emphasizes on the following:

1. There is no distinction between an adopted and a biological child because their rights are the same;
2. Pro-active approach to the prevention of direct entrustment of children for adoption; and
3. Discouraging prospective adoptive parents to go thru independent entrustment/placement only to come out later on for the legalization of adoption.

To promote public awareness in the observance of the event, all government agencies are encouraged to display a streamer (tarpaulin or cloth) using the attached design.

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