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FROM:   
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Executive Director

SUBJECT: **2020 Observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW)**

In the pursuit of raising awareness on the forms of violence women and girls experience, everyone is enjoined to the national observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW). In compliance to Republic Act No. 10398, series of 2012, declaring November 25 of every year as the "National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children," and Presidential Proclamation No. 1172, series of 2006, declaring November 25 to December 12 of Every Year as the "18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAWE)," the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) has released Memorandum Circular No. 2020-07 reiterating the guidelines for the 2020 Observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) as attached herewith.

The campaign theme for the period 2016-2021 is "**VAW-free community starts with Me,**" which underscores the pivotal role that everyone plays in achieving the common vision of a VAW-free community. The Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD), through the GAD Focal Point System, unequivocally supports this endeavor. This year's campaign is important more than ever as the country is grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has heightened prevailing gender issues related to VAW/Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in marginalized and vulnerable sectors.

The suggested activities listed in PCW Memorandum Circular No. 2020-07 shall then be conducted and spearheaded by our agency's GAD Focal Point System.

Also attached herewith is the memorandum signed by Director Elizabeth Fontanilla enjoining all DOST agencies to promote public awareness in the observance of the event, for your reference.

Thank you very much.