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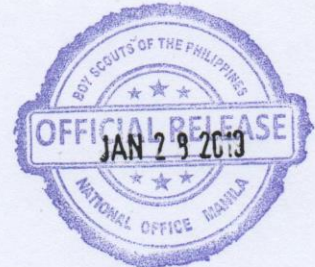
NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. 10

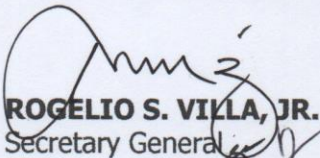
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TO : National Office Directors and Executive
Heads of Offices and Operating Units
Regional Scout Directors
Council Scout Executives
Officers-In-Charge
All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : BSP SUPPORTS PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 417
SAFER INTERNET DAY FOR CHILDREN PHILIPPINES



1. The purpose of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines is to "promote and encourage, through organization and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do useful things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to inculcate in them patriotism, civic-consciousness and responsibility, courage, self-reliance, discipline, and kindred virtues, and moral values, using the methods which are now in common use by Boy Scouts, [with special emphasis on spiritual values which constitute the basic foundation of a strong character and sound citizenship]. (Sec. 3 of Sec. 1 of R.A. 7278)
2. Pursuant to its mandate, the BSP hereby enjoined all its Regional Offices and Local Councils Nationwide to promote and include in their regular programs, projects and activities the annual observance of the "**Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines**" every second Tuesday of February every year in accordance to the Presidential Proclamation No. 417.
3. This campaign also includes all registered Scout Troops, Senior Scout Outfits and Rover Circles to include in their respective Unit and Sub-Unit Meetings the importance of safe and responsible use of Social Media and the Internet for their members, which include but are not limited to; (1) Child Pornography; (2) Cyber Bullying; (3) Online Scam; and (4) Fake News among others.
4. For more interesting online resources related to Scouting, you may visit website <https://services.scout.org/service/11> and download several documents and literatures about Scouting and Social Media, especially the use of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. These resources are linked to Communications. One of the 12 WOSM Services available in the online platform for the use of all National Scout Organizations.
5. Enclosed herewith is the copy of the Presidential Proclamation No. 417 for your easy reference.
6. For information, guidance and widest dissemination of all concerned.


ROGELIO S. VILLA, JR.
Secretary General



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 417

**DECLARING THE SECOND TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY
YEAR AS SAFER INTERNET DAY FOR CHILDREN PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, under Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act (RA) No. 9775, otherwise known as the "Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009," the State guarantees the fundamental rights of every child for protection from all forms of neglect, cruelty, and other conditions prejudicial to his/her development, endeavors to protect every child from all forms of exploitation and abuse, and complies with international treaties to which the Philippines is a signatory or a state party concerning the rights of children;

WHEREAS, RA No. 7610, as amended, otherwise known as the "Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act," declared it a policy of the State to provide special protection to children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination, and other conditions prejudicial to their development including child labor, child prostitution and child pornography;

WHEREAS, the "Safer Internet Day," which is celebrated annually as a call to action to promote better and safer internet use for everyone, was first introduced in 2004 in various countries in Europe and is currently being observed by more than 100 countries in the world to raise awareness on online issues faced by children;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9775 created the Inter-Agency Council Against Child Pornography (IACACP), which shall serve as a policy-making, coordinating and monitoring body on all issues and matters relative to the elimination of child pornography in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9775 also identified the powers and functions of IACACP, which include conducting and coordinating massive information dissemination campaigns on the provisions of the law and the various issues and problems relative to ending child pornography in the country;

WHEREAS, the IACACP, through Council Resolution No. 2 (s. 2017), favorably endorsed the approval and issuance of a Proclamation declaring the second Tuesday of February of every year as Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare the second Tuesday of February of every year as **"Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines."**

The IACACP, in coordination with the National Youth Commission, Presidential Communications Operations Office, National Privacy Commission, Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and National Anti-Poverty Commission, shall promote the observance of the Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines, as well as determine the theme and identify the programs, projects, and activities for the yearly celebration thereof.

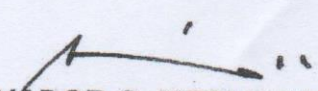
All other agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby directed, and all local government units, as well as the private sector, are hereby encouraged, to cooperate with the IACACP in advocating and implementing programs and activities pursuant to this Proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this **5th** day of **February**, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.




By authority of the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary

