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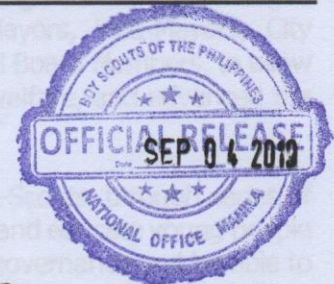
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To : National Office Directors and Executives
Regional Scout Directors and Executives
Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge
All Others Concerned

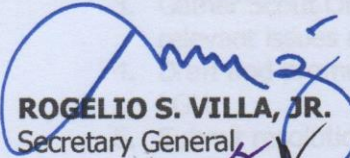
SUBJECT : SCOUTING MONTH CALLS FOR THE SCOUT OFFICIAL FOR A WEEK

1. **Background and Rationale.** Pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation No. 1326 Series of 1974, designating October of every year thereafter as "**National Scouting Month**", for continued moral encouragement and support to the program of Scouting, through Character Building and Citizenship Training among youth; and in consonance with the Presidential Proclamation No. 267 Series of 1992 has also declared the month of October every year as "**National Children's Month**" thereby emphasizing the role of the child within the Filipino Family and within the Philippine Society, celebrating and recognizing the Filipino Children as the most valuable asset of the country.
2. The same Proclamation upheld the Constitutional declaration which "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. It shall inculcate in the youth, patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their **involvement in public and civic affairs**" (Section 13, Article III)".
3. In view of the foregoing, 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)
4. **Aim and Objectives.** The Scout Officials for a Week aims to rally and organize Senior and Rover Scouts, together with other civic youth groups, to plan and organize the "Scout Official for a Week" event where youth and Scouts get to vote and elect their Scout Officials at various level of the LGUs, and be able to discuss issues and challenges affecting the Filipino Youth and propose resolutions to proper authorities.

At the end of the event, the Scout Officials should be able to:

1. Plan and organize their Local Scout Official Delegates through the Local Councils
2. Vote and elect Scout Officials on the date set by the Local Organizers;
3. Gather Scout Official Delegates and invite Resource Persons to give inputs on the most relevant issues affecting the Filipino Youth and Sustainable Development;
4. Draft and promulgate resolutions related to the Local Executive-Legislative Agenda of the LGU;
5. Submit resolutions to the LGUs for appropriate actions.

5. **Call to Action.** In line with the upcoming **2019 Scouting Month Celebration**, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines calls for the **"Scout Officials for a Week"** and enjoined all Regional Scouting Offices and Local Councils nationwide to highlight the **Role of Filipino Youth in Nation-Building**, through Scouting, in collaboration and in partnership with your respective Provinces, Cities and Municipalities through their Youth Development Councils, the Sangguniang Kabataan, the League of Municipal Mayors, Vice-Mayors, Councilors, the League of City Mayors, Vice-Mayors, City Councilors, the League of Provincial Governors, Vice-Governors, Provincial Board Members, to allow Scouts to serve as elected official in the "youth sector" to promote the welfare, and advanced the issues and causes of Filipino youth.
6. This educational event offers leadership opportunities to Scouts and Non-Scouts, through series of Leadership Symposium, Seminar-Workshop and Forum to be able to train and educate young people to engage LGUs constructively through empowerment and participatory-governance and be able to propose youth-oriented resolutions to proper authorities, in addressing local issues and challenges related to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, viz;
- Goal 1: No Poverty
 - Goal 2: Zero Hunger
 - Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being
 - Goal 4: Quality Education
 - Goal 5: Gender Equality
 - Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
 - Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
 - Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
 - Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
 - Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities
 - Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
 - Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
 - Goal 13: Climate Action
 - Goal 14: Life Below Water
 - Goal 15: Life on Land
 - Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
 - Goal 17: Partnership for the Goals
7. This event further seeks to promote the image and relevance of Scouting to its stakeholders and to the general public, through civic engagement and constructive-participatory governance from the Youth Sector through the support of the Sangguniang Kabataan and the Department of Interior and Local Government in coordination with the Regional Scouting Offices and Local Council Offices nationwide.
8. For press and photo releases, publicity and reports you may get in touch with **Mr. David Dominic M. Lanuza**, Public Relations and Communication Officer, Office of the Secretary General, through (02) 527 8317 loc. 532 or via email at daviddominic.lanuza@gmail.com
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10. For your information, guidance and widest dissemination.


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