[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 26, September 19, 2017]

In view of the Proclamation issued by the President declaring 21 September 2017 as a National Day of Protest, and the expected public rallies, marches, demonstrations, and other mass actions in various parts of the country, work in government offices, both national and local, and classes in public schools at all levels, including state universities and colleges, are hereby suspended on 21 September 2017.

Agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital services, such as, but not limited to, the Department of Health, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Bureau of Fire Protection, and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, are hereby directed to provide stand-by emergency assistance near protest sites and areas of mass action.

The suspension of work in private companies and classes in private schools in affected areas is left to the sound discretion of their respective heads.

By authority of the President:

(SGD.) **MENARDO I. GUEVARRA**Acting Executive Secretary

Manila, September 19 2017



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