Memorandum Circular No. <u>2017-167</u> December 18, 2017

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1. On December 30, 2017, the nation will commemorate Rizal Day in appreciation of Jose Rizal as a hero, an icon for the nationalist movement and a perfect example on how to be a Filipino. To quote the late Sen. Blas Ople, "Jose Rizal remains the supreme hero of the Philippines because of the quality of his sacrifice, his absolute dedication to the interest of his people, and his achievement in many fields of endeavors".
- 1.2 Proclamation No. 126, declaring December 30 of every year as Rizal Day

#### 2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this issuance is to enjoin all local government officials of the various LGUs to conduct and /or participate in Rizal Day commemorative activities.

## 3.0 Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City Mayors, Municipal Mayors, and all others concerned

# 4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1. December 30, 2017 marks the 121st Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal.
- 4.2. The national government thru the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, in collaboration with other national government agencies, LGUs and the private sector, will conduct flag-raising and wreath laying activities to commemorate Rizal Day at the Rizal Monument, Rizal Park, Manila on December 30, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock in the morning.
- 4.3. All Local Chief Executives are enjoined to conduct simple but meaningful commemorative activities such as, flag-raising and wreath-laying rites, display of Philippine flag in LGU offices, civic parade and other related activities in their respective localities.

### 5.0 References

- 5.1 Letter from Acting Executive Director Ludovico D. Badoy, Chairman, Rizal Day, Technical Working Committee, National Historical Commission of the Philippines
- 5.2 Proclamation No. 126

### 6.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take immediately.

7.0 Approving Authority

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