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**FOR / TO : Undersecretaries  
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Heads of UPMOs  
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This Department**

For information and guidance, attached is a certified copies of the following Proclamations:

1. Proclamation No. 906 dated February 21, 2020 entitled: **"DECLARING A STATE OF CALAMITY IN REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)."**
2. Proclamation No. 907 dated February 21, 2020 entitled: **"DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK."**

A copy of said Proclamations may also be downloaded from the **DPWH website: <http://dpwhweb>**. If an office cannot access the DPWH website, a hard copy may be obtained from the Records Management Division, HRAS, upon request.

For dissemination to all concerned.

  
**MARICHU A. PALAFOX, CESO III**  
Assistant Secretary for Support Services

Encl: Proclamation No. 906 dated February 21, 2020  
Proclamation No. 907 dated February 21, 2020

cc: Office of the Secretary

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**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 906**

**DECLARING A STATE OF CALAMITY IN REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)**

**WHEREAS**, on 12 January 2020, Taal Volcano spewed volcanic steam and ashes, causing the drifting and spread of volcanic particles over Tanauan and Talisay, Batangas; Tagaytay, Cavite; and Sta. Rosa, Laguna and of volcanic ashes across provinces, cities, and municipalities in Luzon, including Dasmaringas, Bacoar, and Silang, Cavite; Malolos, San Jose del Monte, and Meycauayan, Bulacan; Antipolo, Rizal; and the cities of Muntinlupa, Las Piñas, Marikina, Parañaque, Pasig, Mandaluyong, San Juan, Quezon, Manila, Makati, and Taguig in Metro Manila;

**WHEREAS**, the volcanic activity of Taal Volcano has caused widespread damage to properties and poses great risks and danger to the health and safety of the people living near the region around Taal Volcano;

**WHEREAS**, about 129,171 families or 483,389 persons in the Provinces of Batangas, Quezon, Laguna, and Cavite were affected by the Taal Volcano eruption;

**WHEREAS**, while the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (DOST-PHIVOLCS) lowered Taal Volcano's alert status from Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3 on 26 January 2020 and has since maintained said alert status, stream-driven explosions, volcanic earthquakes, ashfall, and lethal volcanic gas expulsions can still occur and threaten areas within the Taal Volcano Island and nearby lakeshores;

**WHEREAS**, as of 1:58 a.m. of 05 February 2020, a total of 2,070 volcanic earthquakes have been recorded in the regions surrounding Taal Volcano and the DOST-PHIVOLCS has strongly recommended that entry into the Taal Volcano Island as well as into areas over Taal Lake and communities west of the island within a seven (7)-km. radius from the main crater be strictly prohibited;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10121, or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010," the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council has recommended the declaration of a State of Calamity in Region IV-A;

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of State of Calamity will hasten the rescue, relief, and rehabilitation efforts of the government and the private sector, including any

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international humanitarian assistance, and will effectively control the prices of basic goods and commodities for the affected areas; and

**WHEREAS**, this declaration will, among others, afford the National Government, as well as local government units (LGUs), ample latitude to utilize appropriate funds for the rescue, recovery, relief, and rehabilitation of, and to continue to provide basic services for, affected populations, in accordance with law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare a State of Calamity in Region IV-A (CALABARZON).

All departments and other concerned government agencies are hereby directed to implement and execute rescue, recovery, relief, and rehabilitation work in accordance with pertinent operational plans and directives.

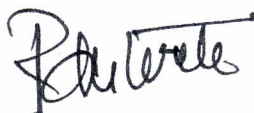

All departments and other concerned government agencies are also hereby directed to coordinate with, and provide or augment the basic services and facilities of, affected LGUs.

Law enforcement agencies, with the support from the Armed Forces of the Philippines, are hereby directed to undertake all necessary measures to ensure peace and order in affected areas, as may be necessary.

The State of Calamity shall remain in force and effect for one (1) year unless sooner lifted in accordance with law.

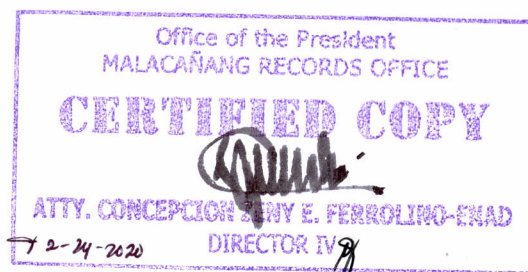
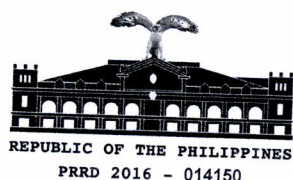
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this **21<sup>st</sup>** day of **February** in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

By the President:

  
**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
Executive Secretary





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**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 907**

**DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR  
AS "NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK"**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11, Article II of the Constitution declares it a policy of the State to value the dignity of every human person and to guarantee full respect for human rights;

**WHEREAS**, Section 13, Article II of the Constitution provides that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building, and shall promote and protect the youth's physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of Republic Act (RA) No. 8049, as amended by RA No. 11053 or the "Anti-Hazing Act of 2018," prohibits all forms of hazing in fraternities, sororities and organizations, including citizens' military training and citizens' army training;

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of RA No. 8049, as amended, mandates schools to implement information dissemination campaigns to provide adequate knowledge to students and their parents or guardians regarding the consequences of conducting and participating in hazing;

**WHEREAS**, throughout the years, there has been an alarming number of hazing-related deaths in the Philippines despite the passage of the Anti-Hazing Act; and

**WHEREAS**, to address the continuous occurrence, as well as the dire consequences of this act of violence, there is a need for the active participation of various government agencies, as well as the private sector and non-governmental organizations, to increase awareness of the importance and value of hazing prevention;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare the second week of February of every year as "**National Hazing Prevention Week**."

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The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall lead, coordinate and supervise the nationwide yearly observance of the National Hazing Prevention Week, with the main objective of strengthening the campaign to end hazing and other fraternity-related violence.

All other agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations and state universities and colleges, are hereby directed, and all local government units, as well as the private sector, relevant civil society organizations and professional groups, are hereby encouraged to actively participate and provide the necessary support and assistance to the CHED for the successful conduct of programs, projects and activities relative to the observance and celebration of the National Hazing Prevention Week.

The necessary funding for the implementation of this Proclamation shall be charged against the respective available appropriations of the concerned agencies. For the succeeding years, the necessary funding shall be programmed in the respective budget proposals of the said agencies, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

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