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To highlight the worldwide movement to eliminate child labor with a priority on its worst forms, the Department of Labor and Employment enjoins all offices under its jurisdiction, other government agencies, workers' groups, employers' organizations, non-government organizations and other stakeholders of the National Program Against Child Labor to commemorate June 12 every year as the "World Day Against Child Labor", pursuant to the mandate of the International Labour Organization (ILO). June 12 marks the adoption in 1999 by the 87th International Labour Conference of ILO Convention 182 on the worst forms of child labor.

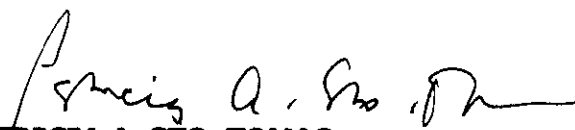
The observance is intended to serve as a catalyst for enhancing the growing worldwide movement against child labor, as reflected in the steadily increasing number of ratifications of Convention No. 182 and Convention No. 138 on minimum age. World Day Against Child Labor provides an opportunity to gain further support of individual governments as well as that of the social partners, civil society and others for the ILO campaign against child labor.

The focus of this year's World Day Against Child Labor is child trafficking, the movement of children from place to place – within and across national borders and through force, coercion or deception – and into situations involving their economic and sexual exploitation. The trafficking of human beings is unacceptable under any circumstances, but the trafficking of vulnerable children and young people is an intolerable violation of their rights to protection from exploitation, to play, to an education, to health and to family life. It is an assault on human dignity and a denial of a person's opportunity to make the most of his or her resources and to contribute to the economic development of his or her nation.

As a strong reminder to this significant event, all concerned are enjoined to carry out the following actions:

- Conduct awareness raising activities through media campaigns, dissemination of information, education, communication (IEC) materials, and possible involvement in national and local celebration of the Philippine Independence Day (e.g., parades)
- Hold advocacy campaigns such as panel discussions, press conferences, "town hall meetings" or dialogues between and among children and program leaders

All concerned are hereby urged to cooperate in ensuring the attainment of the objectives of this celebration.


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