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No. 90, s. 2024

**TO :** ALL PRESIDENTS / HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

**SUBJECT :** A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM FIRST BEFORE AN INVOCATION UNDER SECTION 43 OF THE IRR OF RA NO. 8491 KNOWN AS "THE FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

**DATE :** MAY 9, 2024

In reference to the Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Director No. 295, series of 2024 dated April 24, 2024, one of the issues/concerns raised by the National Economic and Development Authority Regional Office (NRO) and Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) in Region XII under Culture and Tradition is the "Non-compliance by several agencies, inter-agency Committees/Councils on National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Board Resolution No. 10, series of 2017 which mandates the singing of Pambansang Awit before the Invocation."

NHCP Board Resolution No. 10, s. 2017 includes the following provision under Section 43 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 8491 (The Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines) that "the National Anthem precedes the invocation during the flag raising ceremony and related program."

While RA No. 8491 provides that "...the Commission on Higher Education, upon the recommendation of the Institute (NHCP) and after the proper notice and hearing, shall cause the cancellation of the recognition of permit of any private educational institution which fails or refuses to observe the provisions of this Act for the second time.", the NHCP Board Resolution No. 10, s. 2017 indicates that "This is non-obligatory for private institutions and schools, especially sectarian/religious learning institutions in which case invocation may be done prior to the singing of the National Anthem."

In view hereof, all private and public HEIs in Central Luzon are hereby reminded/advised regarding the compliance to said resolution.

Should there be any queries/clarifications, the concerned staff may directly coordinate with the Technical Division or MIS Unit at telephone number (045) 402-6659 or email at [chedro3@ched.gov.ph](mailto:chedro3@ched.gov.ph).

For your attention and guidance.

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