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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS; BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS; AND STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

SUBJECT : Reiteration of the Policy on the Recognition of Muslim Holidays for Purposes of the Observance of *Lailatul Isra Wal Mi'raj* on 08 February 2024

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) issued **CSC Resolution No. 81-1277** dated 13 November 1981, on the Request for Recognition of Muslim Holidays in Areas Outside the Autonomous Regions, pursuant to Sections 2 and 5 of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 291, dated 12 September 1973, as amended by P.D. No. 322, dated 26 October 1973, recognizing Muslim Holidays.


Per Memorandum of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos dated 22 January 2024, the observance of 1445 Hijrah (2024) *Isra Wal Mi'raj* or Night Journey and Ascension of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W. will fall on the 27th day of the Islamic lunar month of Rajab 1445 Hijrah, corresponding to 08 February 2024.

In light of the foregoing and based on Article 172 of P.D. No. 1083, dated 04 February 1977, all Muslim government officials and employees in places other than those enumerated under Article 170 of the same law¹ shall be excused from reporting to office in order that they may observe the Muslim Holiday. To reiterate, all Muslim government officials and employees are free from office work on 08 February 2024 without being marked absent.

Per Article 170 of P.D. No. 1083, dated 04 February 1977, the *Lailatul Isra Wal Mi'raj* holiday shall be officially observed in the following provinces and cities:

- Muslim holidays shall be officially observed in the Provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur, and in the Cities of Cotabato, Iligan, Marawi, Pagadian, and Zamboanga and in such other Muslim provinces and cities as may hereafter be created.*

For the guidance of all concerned.


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Chairperson

07 February 2024

¹ P.D. No. 1083, dated 04 February 1977