

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

## Sandiganbayan Quezon City

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 190 - 2022

## DECLARING THE SANDIGANBAYAN'S SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE "PRIDE MONTH" HELD ANNUALLY EVERY MONTH OF JUNE

**WHEREAS**, Section 11, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

**WHEREAS**, Section 1, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution emphasizes the right of all the people to human dignity, reduction of social, economic, and political inequalities, and removal of cultural inequities;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is one of the original fifty-one (51) charter members that created the United Nations in 1945;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations renounces the discrimination and hate-motivated violence committed against the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI+) people in all regions of the world;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> United Nations Philippines. The United Nations in the Philippines, https://philippines.un.org/en/about/about-the-un.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations. Fight Racism – Vulnerable Groups, https://www.un.org/en/fight-racism/vulnerable-groups/lgbtqi-

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 1994, the first LGBT Pride March in the Philippines was organized, and it was the first Pride March in the country and in Asia;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, "Pride Month" or "Pride March" is a movement which seeks to protect and uphold the rights of the LGBTQI+ individuals, and to end the discrimination, prejudice, bias and violence against them;

**WHEREAS**, the Sandiganbayan is a gender-fair institution, and is committed to promote gender-related rights, equality and empowerment;

**WHEREAS**, the Sandiganbayan *En Banc* supports and approves the observance of "Pride Month" and has accordingly approved the issuance of this administrative order during its meeting held on August 15, 2022;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Sandiganbayan, through its Committee on Gender Responsiveness (SB-CGR), affirms and declares the observance of the Month of June as "Pride Month," and resolves to implement the SB-CGR related programs/activities/projects to support the said celebration.

This Administrative order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

Issued this 23rd day of August 2022, Quezon City.

AMPARO M. CABOTAJE TANG

Presiding Justice

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Baclig, Cristina Eloisa. *Inquirer.Net—PRIDE MONTH: The Memory of Stonewall Riot Live On*, June 03, 2022, https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1606112/pride-month-the-memory-of-stonewall-riot-lives-on.