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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 012

TO : The Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries
All Heads of Bureaus, Commissions and Offices
attached to the DOJ
All Heads of Services and Programs

SUBJECT : COMPLIANCE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 30, S.
2020

DATE : 28 April 2020

Attached is a copy of Administrative Order (AO) No. 30 dated 21 April 2020 entitled, *Directing all Government Offices to Formulate and Issue Guidelines on the Interruption of Periods for the Filing of Documents, Payment of Taxes, Charges and Other Fees, and Cancellation of Proceedings Before Their Respective Offices, and on the Movement of Timelines for the Release of Benefits.*

Pursuant thereto, heads of Bureaus, Commissions and Offices attached to the DOJ are hereby enjoined to comply with the directive to immediately formulate and issue rules or guidelines, consistent with the directives of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), on the: (i) interruption of reglementary periods for the commencement of actions/claims, filing of pleadings and all other papers, and rendition of judgments, resolutions, and orders for the duration of the community quarantine; (ii) cancellation of proceedings and rescheduling thereof after the lifting of the community quarantine; (iii) acceptable justifications for failure of litigants and claimants to comply with reglementary periods or to appear at legal proceedings if they are coming from jurisdictions where quarantine protocols restrict their movements; (iv) suspension of deadlines for the payment of monetary obligations and/or submission of documents for the duration of the community quarantine; and (v) movement of timelines for the grant of any benefit, to allow the release thereof for the duration of the community quarantine.

In connection therewith and pursuant to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 31 March 2020 on the *Submission of Report to Congress Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11469 of the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act*, you are hereby requested to immediately submit your respective agency's **report** on the rules and guidelines you may have implemented to comply with the said AO.

For information, guidance and compliance.


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