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**Department of Education**  
 REGION II – CAGAYAN VALLEY

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM/ORDER**

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To: **Chiefs of Functional Divisions  
 Heads of Sections and Units  
 All Others Concerned**

From: **BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS, PhD, CESO V**  
 Director IV/ Regional Director

Date: **October 20, 2021**

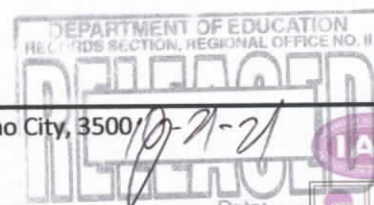
Subject: **18-DAY CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AN THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC)**

1. The 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) is observed annually from November 25 to December 12 to raise awareness among all stakeholders that VAW is a public issue of national concern. It supports the Philippine Government's goal to protect the human rights of women and its commitment to address all forms of gender-based violence.
2. The Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women (IACVAWC) adopted the theme "VAW-free community starts with Me" for the annual 18-Day Campaign to End VAW, from year 2016 to 2021. The theme elevates the campaign to positive advocacy as it enjoins everyone to pursue the common vision of a community free from violence against women and girls, and highlights what can be done to achieve such.
3. Hence, considering the significance and nobility of the said advocacy, DepEd-RO2 through its Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) intends to commence the 18-day campaign to end VAW with a "Symposium" on November 25, 2021, 9:00am at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, NEAP-R, Carig Sur, Tuguegarao City.
4. As part of our Office's safety mechanism against COVID-19 threat, this undertaking shall be done via **blended synchronous symposium**, i.e., 50% of RO employees shall attend the limited face-to-face symposium at NEAP-R while the other 50% shall participate virtually from their respective offices or homes (for employees under WFH arrangement).
5. All employees of this Office are enjoined to participate in the said activity. Lunch and snacks will be served.
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this memorandum is desired.

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