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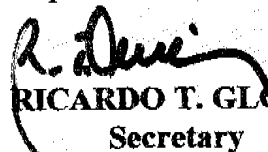
January 15, 1998

DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 14, s. 1998

HEART MONTH CELEBRATION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals
Vocational High School Principals

1. In compliance with Presidential Decree No. 1096, dated January 15, 1973 designating the month of February as Heart Month, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall celebrate the event with activities focusing on the theme "Bantay Puso: Bantay Presyon at Iba Pa"
2. Hypertension and hypertension-related illnesses continue to be major causes of mortality and morbidity in the country. In response to this public health problem, all school medical officers, nurses and other health and nutrition personnel are instructed to conduct blood pressure taking and management services/referrals of teachers and other DECS personnel; and to intensify advocacy on the prevention and control of hypertension and other heart diseases during administrators/teachers/PTA meetings and health classes in their respective areas of responsibility during the month of February. A consolidated division report on these activities shall be submitted by the Regional Health and Nutrition Unit to the Health and Nutrition Center, DECS as part of the first quarterly report.
3. Widest dissemination and compliance on this memorandum is desired.


RICARDO T. GLORIA
Secretary

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Reference:

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