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 This Department

For information and guidance, attached is a copy of **Proclamation No. 409** dated November 28, 2023 signed by Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin, with the subject: **"DECLARING THE LAST WORKING DAY OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE "NATIONAL BIKE-TO-WORK DAY"**.

A copy of the said Proclamation may also be downloaded from the DPWH website: <http://dpwhweb>. If an office cannot access the DPWH website, a hard copy may be obtained from the Records Management Division, HRAS, upon request.

For dissemination to all concerned.

*Handwritten signature of Marichu A. Palafox*

**MARICHU A. PALAFOX, CESO II**  
 Assistant Secretary for Support Services

Encl: As stated

cc: Office of the Secretary

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Manila, November 29, 2023

**SECRETARY MANUEL M. BONOAN**  
Department of Public Works and Highways  
Manila



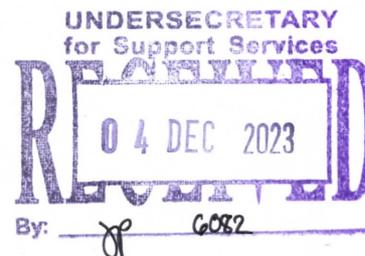
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, a certified copy of Proclamation No. 409 dated November 28, 2023 entitled **"DECLARING THE LAST WORKING DAY OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE "NATIONAL BIKE-TO-WORK DAY"**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**ATTY. DUSTIN C. GARVIDA**  
Acting Director IV





MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 409**

**DECLARING THE LAST WORKING DAY OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY  
YEAR AS THE "NATIONAL BIKE-TO-WORK DAY"**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16, Article II of the Constitution declares it a policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, under Republic Act (RA) No. 8749 or the "Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999," the State shall ensure a balance between development and environmental protection, and maintain a quality of air that protects human health and welfare;

**WHEREAS**, RA No. 8749 encourages non-motorized transportation;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH) constituted the Inter Agency Technical Working Group on Active Transport (IATWG-AT) to oversee and implement strategies for the promotion of Active Transport, such as cycling, throughout the country;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 underscores the need to develop active transport networks, and accord highest priority to pedestrians and cyclists in the hierarchy of road users;

**WHEREAS**, the post-pandemic "New Normal" requires the adoption of measures to enable safe, independent, physically-distanced travel, especially for essential workers, so that the country is better prepared in the event of another health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to raise public awareness on the viability of cycling as a mainstream mode of transportation in order to further improve cycling infrastructure in the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing

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laws, do hereby declare the last working day of November of every year as the "National Bike-to-Work Day."

For this purpose, the IATWG-AT, in coordination with relevant non-government organizations and civil society groups, shall lead, coordinate, and supervise the observance of the National Bike-to-Work Day, and identify the programs, projects, and activities for the yearly celebration thereof.

All other national government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, and state universities and colleges, are directed, and local government units and the private sector are encouraged, to provide the necessary assistance and support to the DOH and the IATWG-AT for the effective implementation of the Proclamation.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 28th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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By the President:

*[Handwritten signature of Lucas P. Bersamin]*  
**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**  
Executive Secretary

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**CERTIFIED COPY**  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
ATTY. DUSTIN C. GARVIDA  
ACTING DIRECTOR IV  
4-21-2023

