MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO: ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF ARMM, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF THE BARANGAY PROTOCOL IN MANAGING CASES OF CHILDREN AT RISK (CAR) AND CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW (CICL)

The Republic Act 9344, as amended by RA 10630, establishes a comprehensive juvenile justice and welfare system that provides child-appropriate interventions, such as prevention, diversion, rehabilitation, and reintegration, for children at risk (CAR) and children in conflict with the law (CICL).

In 2016, the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC) released a Barangay Protocol in Managing Cases of Children at Risk and Children in Conflict with the Law. This document provides information on how to handle child related cases, initial contact, diversion proceedings, prevention programs, child custody, and other CAR and CICL interventions. It also serves as a practical guide for barangay officials and other duty bearers to properly assist CAR and CICL.

In view of this, all Local Chief Executives and others concerned are hereby enjoined to adopt and utilize the Barangay Protocol in Managing Cases of Children at Risk and Children in Conflict with the Law.

To download the electronic copy of the said document, please visit www.jjwc.gov.ph or contact the JJWC National Secretariat at 02-794-5508 for further instructions.

In addition, all DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are requested to cause the widest dissemination of this issuance and extend the necessary assistance in the promotion of the said protocol.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Secretary