

## [ PROCLAMATION NO. 1253, November 24, 2021 ]

### **DECLARING 29 NOVEMBER TO 01 DECEMBER 2021 AS BAYANtHAN, BAKUNAHAN NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION DAYS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the Constitution declares it a policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11525, otherwise known as the "COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021," provides that the State shall adopt an integrated approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential social services available to all people at an affordable cost, and address the adverse impact of COVID-19 through the procurement and administration of safe and effective vaccines;

**WHEREAS**, on 01 March 2021, the Department of Health implemented the Philippine National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 Vaccines, with the aim to vaccinate at least 70% of the country's total population;

**WHEREAS**, from 28 February to 14 November 2021, the Philippines has received and procured a total of 123,258,340 doses of COVID-19 vaccines;

**WHEREAS**, as of 18 November 2021, a total of 73,917,573 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered, with more than 32 Million Filipinos having been fully vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, considering the goal to vaccinate at least 70% of the total population, including individuals aged 12 to 17, and that approximately 53 Million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have yet to be administered, there is a need to cultivate the *Bayanihan* spirit of the Filipino people by forging unity and cooperation among relevant stakeholders to expedite and intensify the government's vaccination program against COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare 29 November to 01 December 2021 as "***Bayanihan, Bakunahan National COVID-19 Vaccination Days.***"

For this purpose, the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in cooperation with the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19, shall lead the observance of the *Bayanihan, Bakunahan National COVID-19 Vaccination Days*, and the implementation of programs, activities and campaigns relative thereto.

The Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Tourism, Department of Trade and