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REGION XII

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SOUTH COTABATO

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

15 May 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
SGOD No. **054**, s. 2023

DISPOSAL AND REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL FLAGS

To: Functional Division Chiefs
Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals In-Charge
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Republic Act (RA) No. 8491 otherwise known with its short title as the **Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines**, flags displayed which are soiled, torn, and tattered are to be disposed appropriately and replaced with new ones.

2. Section 3.c of RA 8491, the word "Flag" is defined as the Philippine National Flag unless stated otherwise. However, in this division memorandum, "Flag" is otherwise defined as the municipal flags of the ten municipalities of the Province of South Cotabato. To standardize its dimension, its width shall be two feet and its length shall be four feet.

3. The law also provides that reverence and respect shall always be accorded to the flag. Section 14 of RA No. 8941 states that a worn-out flag through normal wear-and-tear shall not be thrown away and instead shall be solemnly burned to avoid misuse of desecration or by any other method consistent with the dignity of the flag. It can also be respectfully buried a few feet below the ground after folding it in a ceremonial triangle and placed it in a strong wooden box.

4. Further, flags should be treated with respect and honor because they represent those who worked, fought, and sacrificed their lives for our rights and freedom. It also represents all citizens inhabiting the ten municipalities of the province of South Cotabato. A flag is considered a living entity and, as such, has all the rights thereof, including the right to exist and expire with dignity. Once old flags are successfully retired, they must be replaced with a new one.

5. Anent this, all concerned are directed to:

a. advocate for respect, honor, reverence, and patriotism towards the flag which we should further develop and inculcate deeply in the minds of all learners;

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- b. dispose appropriately the soiled, torn, and tattered municipal flags and replace it with new ones which will fly in its respective flagpole symbolically representing the free, happy, disciplined and productive citizenry living in the ten municipalities of the province of South Cotabato; and
 - c. hoist the new municipal flags in their respective flagpoles in the flag display area of the Schools Division of South Cotabato starting May 28, 2023 until June 12, 2023 during the conduct of Flag Days and Philippine Independence Day celebrations.
6. District heads and schoolheads are also enjoined to collaborate to have a proactive stance on having their respective municipal flags hoisted during the said celebrations.
 7. Cost of the flag production and other incidental expenses shall be chargeable against the School MOOE subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.
 8. For any inquiry regarding the conduct of this activity, personnel concerned are advised to contact Mr. Glenn F. Soldevilla, SGOD Education Program Supervisor via messenger or telephone number 228-5763.
 9. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is directed.


LEONARDO M. BALALA. CESE
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: N o n e

Reference: As Stated

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