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INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2026

In line with the communication from the HIV/AIDS Core Team of Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, this office informs all interested teachers, particularly those belonging to or supporting the LGBTQIA+ community, to attend the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2026 on May 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m. at Northwestern University, Laoag City.

The activity aims to promote awareness and strengthen advocacy and response to HIV and AIDS within the education sector. The program will include the following activities:

- Talk show featuring the lived experiences of Persons Living with HIV (PLHIV)
- HIV situationer presentation for the province and region
- Photo exhibit showcasing PLHIV stories
- Free HIV screening and counseling services

Participation in this activity is voluntary. Interested personnel are encouraged to attend to gain knowledge, sensitivity, and advocacy skills that may help strengthen school-based health education and learner support systems.

For information and dissemination.

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Department of Education, Schools Division of the City of Batac
Province of Ilocos Norte

Dear Schools Division Superintendent,

Warm greetings.

We respectfully request your support in promoting awareness and strengthening the response to HIV and AIDS within the education sector.

In this regard, we invite your good office to allow interested teachers, particularly those belonging to or supporting the LGBTQIA+ community, to attend the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2026 on May 25, 2026, 5 in the afternoon, at Northwestern University, Laoag City.

Based on the current census from the Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Treatment Hub, there is an increasing number of HIV cases not only among call center agents but also among teachers and students, underscoring the urgent need for strengthened awareness and prevention efforts within schools.

We expect to gather 150–180 participants from various sectors and will feature:

- A talk show highlighting the lived experiences of Persons Living with HIV (PLHIV)
- An HIV situationer presenting provincial and region
- A photo exhibit showcasing PLHIV stories
- Free HIV screening and counseling services

Your leadership in mobilizing your personnels will equip educators with **knowledge, sensitivity, and advocacy skills** that can be integrated into school-based health education and learner support systems.

We are hopeful for your favorable response.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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