

SPECIAL ORDER

No. <u>782</u> Series of 2023

SUBJECT: HOSTING THE 19th NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY WEEK (NBW)

In observance of the Presidential Proclamation 1414, s. 2007, the 19th National Biotechnology Week (NBW) will be celebrated on November 20 – 24, 2023.

The annual celebration is organized by the members of the Inter-Agency Steering Committee (IASC) composed of the following national government agencies: Departments of Agriculture, Education, Environment and Natural Resources, Health, the Interior and the Local Government, Trade and Industry, Science and Technology, and Commission on Higher Education.

The Department of Agriculture, being the Chair of this year's celebration, hereby authorizes the DA Biotech Program Office (DA BPO) to host and conduct the 19th NBW. As such, the DA BPO shall spearhead, prepare, coordinate, and execute all activities for its meaningful celebration.

All expenses in the conduct and implementation of activities for the event shall be chargeable against the DA Biotech Program funds under the Bureau of Agricultural Research, and to other available funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 23vd day of ______ 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN Senior Undersecretary