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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
 No. 1088  
 Series of 2023

**SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MONTH-LONG ACTIVITIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE DA-BAFS NATIONAL RICE AWARENESS MONTH (NRAM)**

In pursuance of Malacañang Proclamation No. 524 series of 2004 which directs the observance of the National Rice Awareness Month (NRAM) in November of every year, the DA - Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) is hereby authorized to conduct activities relative to the observance said awareness month.

The NRAM is a nationwide campaign to highlight the importance of rice as the country's staple food, promote pesticide-free local rice varieties, and encourage consumers, farmers, and policymakers to help achieve rice self-sufficiency in our country. Its theme "Be RICEponsible" encourages everyone to be RICEponsible by buying local rice, not wasting rice, and eating brown rice and rice mixed with other staples, among others.

All expenses relative to the conduct of NRAM activities including the procurement of tarpaulins, food, and a five-kilo rice grant to each DA-BAFS personnel, shall be chargeable against DA-BAFS regular funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 4th day of September 2023.

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