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TO:

All Concerned Faculty, Staff, and Students

RE:

Participation in the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women's Flag

Ceremony and Opening Program on 25 November 2024

FROM:

DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES

University President

DATE:

November 21, 2024

In observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW), all faculty, staff, and students of Visayas State University (VSU) are encouraged to participate in the Flag Ceremony and Opening Program on 25 November 2024, 8:00 AM at the VSU RDE Hall. This program serves as the university's commitment to supporting this critical advocacy, which is observed annually from **November 25 to December 12**, in line with the Philippine Commission on Women's (PCW) efforts to unite all genders and sectors in the fight to end violence in all its forms.

This year's campaign carries the recurring theme "UNITEd for a VAW-Free Philippines" and the 2024 sub-theme "VAW Bigyang Wakas, Ngayon na ang Oras!" These emphasize the urgency of addressing gender-based violence and align with the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004 (RA 9262). Furthermore, the campaign continues to support the United Nations' "UNITE by 2030 to End Violence Against Women" initiative, of which the Philippines is a charter member. This global effort calls upon governments, civil society, private organizations, media, youth, and various sectors to act collectively in addressing the global crisis of violence against women and girls.

To further promote awareness, all College Deans, Directors, Center/Department/Office Heads, and Gender and Development (GAD) Coordinators are encouraged to integrate a discussion on the 18-Day Campaign into their monthly staff meetings. Faculty, staff, and students should also be actively encouraged to participate in all related activities throughout the campaign period. Additionally, GAD Coordinators are required to submit documentation reports on EndVaw activities organized and implemented within their respective colleges or offices. These reports should be submitted to the University Gender Resource Center on December 15, 2024.

Your active involvement in this campaign is vital in promoting awareness, fostering collaboration, and creating a society free from violence. Together, let us take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to gender equality and a violence-free community.

Thank you for your support and participation.



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18-DAY CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Opening Program
25 November 2024 | RDE Hall 8-10AM

Flag Ceremony 8:00 AM Department of Arts, Language & Literature Welcome Message 8:30 AM Dr. Prose Ivy G. Yepes, VSU President 9:00 AM Overview of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women Introduction of the Resource Person Ms. Letty Jean C. Lor, OIC Head, GRC 9:10 AM Important Laws and Regulations on Violence Against Women Atty. Karen Abegail S. Monteron, **VSU Legal Officer** 9:30 AM **Open Forum** 9:50 AM **Awarding of Certificates &** Photodocumentation 10:00 AM VSU Hymn

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