

## MESSAGE

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation no. 760, s. 2014, the Climate Change Commission (CCC) joins the nation in observing the **National Zero Waste Month**, an opportune time to raise awareness on sustainable waste management policies and solutions.

To this end, the CCC renews its call for the full implementation of Republic Act No. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 and the enactment of new laws and policies that will spell the end of throwaway culture in the country.

Moreover, we convey our full support to the ongoing efforts of the national government, local government units, and the civil society in advocating for the phaseout of singleuse plastics and promoting extended producer responsibility.

Therefore, we urge the private business sector to mainstream zero-waste strategies into their production and distribution systems and to work with us in the government in sharping the country's transition to a circular and more sustainable economy.

Through sustained and greater cooperation among all stakeholders, we trust that we could soon achieve a cleaner, healthier, and more climate-resilient future for the Filipino people.

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