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CIRCULAR LETTER

TO : **ALL ENTITIES UNDER THE REGULATORY CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSION**

SUBJECT : **DIRECTIVE TO TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST RECENT SPATE OF CYBERATTACKS**

WHEREAS, this Commission adheres to the policy of the State to protect the fundamental right of privacy of communication, while ensuring free flow of information to promote innovation and growth;

WHEREAS, this Commission recognizes the vital role of information and communications technology in nation-building and its inherent obligation to ensure that personal information in information and communications systems in the government and in the private sector are secured and protected;

WHEREAS, this Commission recognizes that in the conduct of the respective businesses of the various entities under its regulatory supervision and control, said entities possess and/or process personal information, whether privileged, sensitive, or otherwise, as Personal Information Controllers ("PIC") and/or Personal Information Processors ("PIP") within the purview of Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012;

WHEREAS, on 10 April 2019, this Commission issued Circular Letter No. 2019-13 on the subject of *"Compliance with the Provisions of Republic Act No. 10173, Otherwise Known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012"*, by which this Commission directed insurance and pre-need companies, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), mutual benefit associations (MBAs), their respective agents, brokers, adjusters, intermediaries, and all other entities under the regulatory control and supervision of this Commission to promptly and strictly comply with the provisions of the Data Privacy Act of 2012, insofar as applicable, particularly as regards the following areas of compliance, *viz:* (1) Registration with the National Privacy Commission ("NPC") as a PIC and/or PIP; (2) Appointment of a Data Protection Officer ("DPO"); (3) Conduct of a Privacy Impact Assessment; (4) Creation of a Privacy Manual; (5) Implementation of Privacy and Data Protection Measures; and (6) Exercise of Data Breach Reporting Procedures;