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DATE : JULY 12, 2018

SUBJECT: ADVISORY FROM NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION

Please be informed of the advisory that the National Privacy Commission released on their website and Facebook page last night regarding fraudsters going around and claiming to be employees of the Commission:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

It has come to our attention that fraudsters claiming to be employees of the National Privacy Commission (NPC) have been approaching and threatening establishments and individuals on the pretext of violations to the Data Privacy Act (DPA).

We assure our stakeholders that the NPC views compliance with the DPA constructively and it is not our policy to resort to threats or intimidation.

To verify the identity of any person purportedly representing the NPC, you may contact the NPC at telephone numbers (02) 5108309/ 09101029114/ 09652863419.

To report any attempt to extort or intimidate you using the DPA, please email Privacy Commissioner Raymund Liboro at privacycommissioner@privacy.gov.ph.

Complying with the DPA to protect personal data and the rights of others shouldn't be painful. Please check our website to find out meaningful ways to comply or email or call us on how we can assist you in your compliance journey.

We were also informed by the National Privacy Commission that the next phase for the Data Processing System of the individual professionals (physicians, lawyers, etc.) is still on hold. The Compliance Division is currently working on the system for the Phase 2 of compliance.

Meanwhile, we are planning on organizing another seminar particularly for the conducting of Privacy Impact Assessment and Development of Privacy Management Program for all PMA members and we will again invite experts from the National Privacy Commission for the reason that we want to assist you in every step of the compliance process.

We appreciate the constructive feedbacks from the doctors, societies, and even officials from the National Privacy Commission that PMA is being proactive with regard to the prompt compliance with the Data Privacy Law. Your optimistic attitude and cooperation are indeed the key to these positive remarks. Let us keep these up.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

Very truly yours,

BENJAMIN M. ALABAN, MD PMA Secretary General

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