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FROM THE CHAMBERS OF:

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CHIEF JUSTICE

MESSAGE

My warmest greetings and felicitations to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) on the celebration of the National Heritage Month.

This year's theme, *Pamanang Lokal: Binhi ng Kulturang Pilipino*, underscores the significance of rediscovering our roots and upholding our heritage, in compliance with the Constitutional mandate that the State "shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations," and the objective of Republic Act No. 10066 or the *National Cultural Heritage Act*, which is to protect and conserve our national cultural heritage.

It is the duty of all Filipinos to be involved in the preservation of the valuable assets we inherited from our forebears, and help promote awareness and appreciation of our national heritage with the next generation. We must recognize that our distinct culture plays a significant role in shaping our society.

As we celebrate National Heritage Month, let us reflect on our shared identity and sense of community as Filipinos. It is my fervent hope that we always remain proud of our legacy as a nation even during these modern times.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Aggasmundo", is written over a horizontal line.