



September 5, 2013

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2013-95

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS,
PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND
OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : 10TH CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS AND PROTECTION
(CPAP) WEEK

Presidential Proclamation No. 588 issued on March 25, 2004 declared September 16-22 of every year as Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week. The observance of this event hopes to create an environment that will allow persons with cerebral palsy to enjoy productive lives by raising the awareness of the people throughout the society.

Cerebral Palsy is a disorder of muscle movement and coordination. It is caused by an injury to a child's brain that occurs before birth or during infancy. It affects the part of the brain that controls body movement. People with cerebral palsy can have other problems such as seizures, decreased ability to learn, and problems on hearing, seeing, and thinking. There is no cure for cerebral palsy, but early diagnosis and treatment can greatly improve quality of life.

In this regard, we enjoin all Local Government Units to support the observance of the above-mentioned celebration, with this year's theme "Make the Rights of Persons with Cerebral Palsy Real: A Decade and Beyond", by conducting fitting activities such as but not limited to the following:

- Motorcade
- Hanging of advocacy streamers/tarpaulins in strategic places
- Announcement of the CPAP Week celebration during Flag Raising Ceremony
- Community / Lay Forum (Urban Gardening)
- Scientific Congress on Cerebral Palsy
- Medical Mission for persons with cerebral palsy
- Awarding of Persons with Cerebral Palsy Achievers
- Demonstration of Boccia sports for persons with cerebral palsy

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular and extend necessary assistance.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

MAR ROXAS
Secretary

