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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 2016-36

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

SUBJECT : 9TH WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY (WADD)

Pursuant to Resolution No. 62/139 which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 2007, the nation will join the rest of the world in commemorating the 9th World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) on April 2, 2016 with this year's celebration theme "Call to Action, Employment for Persons with Autism".

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that manifests itself during the first three years of life and results from a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain, mostly affecting children in many countries irrespective of gender, race or socio economic status and characterized by impairment in social interaction, problems with verbal and non-verbal communication and restricted repetitive behavior, interest and activities.

In view of this, all concerned are requested to conduct fitting activities such as but not limited to:

- Hanging of Streamers
- Exhibit of artworks made by people with autism
- Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Workshop for Employers
- Illuminating the office buildings and landmarks with blue lights in taking part of the "Light it up Blue" in the evening of April 2, 2016

For more information you may contact Mr. Rizalio R. Sanchez or Ms. Barbara P. Ganaden of NCDCA thru telephone nos. 951-5013, 932-6422 local 111 or thru email address: council@ncda.gov.ph.

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

By the Authority of the Secretary:

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Undersecretary for Local Government

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