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## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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### 1. Background

- 1.1. The United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/47/3 adopted in 14 October 1992 and amended by Resolution A/RES/48/97 dated 20 December 1993 and General Assembly Resolution 62/127 dated 18 December 2007, declared December 3 as the International Day for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).
- 1.2. In response, the Philippines issued Proclamation No. 1157 on October 16, 2006 declaring December 3 and every year thereafter as the “**International Day for Persons with Disabilities Disabilities in the Philippines**”.

### 2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to encourage all local government units to observe and conduct appropriate activities relative to the celebration.

### 3. Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City/Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional Directors, ARMM Regional Secretary and all others concerned.

### 4. Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1. The International Day for persons with disabilities for this year shall be observed on 03 December.
- 4.2. The 2018 celebration revolves around the United Nations’ adopted theme “Empowering Persons with Disabilities and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality” and the Philippines’ adjunct theme “Trabaho, Negosyo at Kabuhayan Para sa Taong May Kapansanan” (Job, Enterprise and Livelihood for Persons with Disabilities that are aligned to the 2030 Agenda pledging to “leave no one behind” towards a peaceful and prosperous world, where dignity of an individual person and equality among all is applied as the fundamental principle.

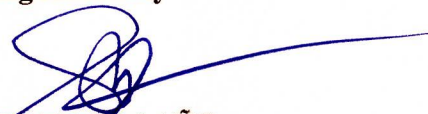
4.3 All Local Government Units are enjoined to conduct appropriate activities, mindful of the themes and their contribution to the objectives of the celebration.

4.4 All Regional Directors are hereby directed to conduct related activities at your level, extend full support to LGUs for the meaningful observation of “Woman with Disabilities Day” and cause widest dissemination of this circular.

**5. References:**

- 5.1. Letter from Executive Director Carmen R. Zubiaga of the National Council on Disability Affairs; and
- 5.2. Proclamation NO. 1157 dated 16 October 2006

**6. Approving Authority**

  
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**7. Feedback**

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