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## 2019 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Memorandum Circular No. 2019-199

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### 1. Background

- 1.1. The United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 47/3 adopted on 14 October 1992 and amended by General Assembly Resolution No. 48/97 dated 20 December 1993 and General Assembly Resolution No. 62/127 dated 18 December 2007, declared December 03 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).
- 1.2. In response, the Philippines issued Proclamation No. 1157 on 16 October 2006 declaring December 3 and every year thereafter as the **"International Day of Persons with Disabilities"**

### 2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to encourage all Local Government Units (LGUs) to observe and conduct appropriate activities relative to the celebration.

### 3. Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, BARMM Chief Minister, City / Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional Directors, BARMM Minister of Local Government, Field Officers and all others concerned

### 4. Purpose

- 4.1. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) for this year shall be observed on 03 December 2019.
- 4.2. The 2019 celebration revolves around the United Nations' adopted theme **"Promoting the participation of Persons with Disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda"**. The theme focuses on the empowerment of PWDs for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development as envisioned in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which pledges to "leave no one behind" and recognizes disability as a cross-cutting issued, to be considered in the implementation of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The Philippines' adjunct theme for this year is **"The Future is Accessible"**.
- 4.3. To give prominence to the celebration, all Local Government Units (LGUs) are enjoined to hang streamers in conspicuous places/spot in their offices/edifices to promote the said celebration. The layout can be downloaded at NCDAs website <http://www.ncda.gov.ph>.

4.4. All LGUs are enjoined to support the weeklong celebration by conducting fitting activities, mindful of the themes and their contribution to the objectives of the celebration.

4.5. All Regional Directors are hereby directed to conduct related activities at your level, extend full support to LGUs for the meaningful observation of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

## 5. References

5.1 Letter from Officer-In-Charge Mateo A. Lee, Jr. of the National Council on Disability Affairs;

5.2 Proclamation No. 1157 dated 16 October 2006

## 6. Approving Authority

  
**EDUARDO MAÑÓ**  
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## 7. Feedback

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