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15TH WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES DAY CELEBRATION

Reference No. 2019- 41
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1. Background

- 1.1. The total development and empowerment of women is a State policy enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution which specifically provides that "The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men" (Section 14, Article II);
- 1.2. Women with disabilities are also part of society and as such deserve equal rights in the field of law and in all aspects of human endeavor thus, Proclamation No. 744 dated 6 December 2004 titled "Declaring the Last Monday of March Every Year as "Women with Disabilities Day" emphasizes the inclusion of women with disabilities within the society and as such deserve equal rights in the field of law and in all aspects of human endeavor.

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 Women with Disabilities Day for this year shall be observed on March 25, 2019
- 4.2. This year's celebration adopts the theme "Sabay-sabay, Pantay-pantay Sa Pag-unlad Ng Mga Kababaihang May Kapansanan" #Walanglwanan.
- 4.3 All Local Government Units are enjoined to conduct appropriate activities, mindful of the theme and their contribution to the objectives of the celebration. Activities may include:
 - 4.3.1 Summit for Women with Disabilities;
 - 4.3.2 Forum on VAWC and Women with Disabilities;

4.3.3 Skills Training for Women with Disabilities;
4.3.4 Hanging of Streamers in conspicuous places (design and specifications can be downloaded at www.ncda.gov.ph).

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 "Women 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. 744 dated 6 December 2004.

6. Approving Authority


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7. Feedback

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