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2020 OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL AWARENESS WEEK FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

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1. Background

Child sexual abuse is a social reality in the country and constitutes one of the profound violations of the rights of children. It is the most underreported form of abuse due to its highly sensitive nature. Thus, there is a need to raise the awareness of the public on the extent and magnitude of the problem, as well as the adverse consequences on the personality of the child, his/her family, and the society at large.

The Presidential Proclamation No. 731 series of 1996 declares the 2nd week of February of every year as the “**National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation**” or also known as the “**Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week (CSAAW)**.”

2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to enjoin all local government units to support the observance of the “**National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation**,” which aims to heighten the awareness on how to make our environment safe, protective, and caring for our children.

3. Scope/Coverage

All DILG Regional Directors, Field Officers, BARMM Minister of Local Government, and all others concerned.

4. Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1 This year’s celebration of the CSAAW will be on **February 9-15, 2020** with the theme “**WE ARE THE SOLUTION!**”
- 4.2 All local government units are enjoined to support the observance of the National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation by conducting activities, such as but not limited to the following:

- a. Hanging of advocacy streamers in strategic places;
- b. Orientation on preventing child sexual abuse and exploitation; and
- c. CSAAW forum

Template for the streamer can be downloaded through this link:
<https://bit.ly/371f0nT>

4.3 All DILG Regional Directors and BARMM Minister of Local Government are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this circular to all local government units within their respective jurisdiction.

5. Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

6. Approving Authority


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