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16th WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES DAY CELEBRATION

Memorandum Circular No. 2020-050

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1. Background

- 1.1. The 1987 Philippine Constitution enshrined a State policy for the total development and empowerment of women 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 deserve equal rights in the field of law and in all aspects of human endeavor. Their desires of full participation and inclusion in all fields of endeavors are brought about by international mandates and national policies instituted for their empowerment.
- 1.3. In response to this and fully commemorate this celebration, the **Women with Disabilities Day** is being observed every last Monday of March of each year which is supported by Proclamation No. 744 (2004).

2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to encourage all Local Government Units (LGUs) to observe this event 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. Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1. The **16th Women with Disabilities Day Celebration** shall be observed on March 30, 2020.
- 4.2. This year’s celebration adopts the theme “**Time for Change: Realizing the Rights of Women with Disabilities**” #wwdequalandinclusive.
- 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 editable banners can be downloaded at the NCDA’s website www.ncda.gov.ph.

4.4. LGUs are enjoined to support the 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 16th Women with Disabilities Day Celebration.

5. References

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

5.2 Proclamation No. 744 (2004)

6. Approving Authority



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7. Feedback

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