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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
 NO. 2005-23

**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : 2005 CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH AND DAY**

Proclamation No. 227 mandates the annual observance of **Women's Role in History Month**, every March. Likewise, the passage of Proclamation No. 224 declared the first week of March as Women's Week and March 8 as Women's Rights and International Peace Day while Republic Act No. 6949 dated April 10, 1990 declares 08 of March every year as National Women's Day.

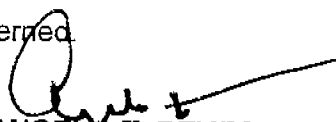
The series of activities for this year's celebration include International Women's Day on March 8 at Clamshell I, Intramuros, Manila. Other major activities are **Women's Month Exhibit** from March 8-12, **Job Fair** on March 10, **Concert for a Cause** on March 11 and a **Fun and Fitness Festival for Fit Female** on March 12. This year's celebration shall carry the theme, "**KAKAYAHAN NG KABABAIHAN, KILALANIN AT PAGBUKLURIN PARA SA BAYAN**" (Unifying Women for a Stronger Nation). It revolves around the recognition of the capacities of women and unifying them as a force to steer the country's development.

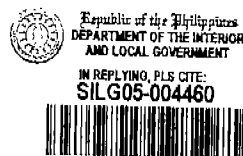
In view thereof and pursuant to Civil Service Commission (CSC) Announcement No. 03 series of 2005, all LGUs are enjoined to celebrate Women's Month/Day in their respective localities, through the holding of activities, fitting and relevant to the above-mentioned theme. All LGUs are also encouraged to display streamers in public places such as airports, terminals, etc., on the event's theme and following the prescribed logo provided by the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), as attached. LGUs may translate the theme in their respective dialects to reach out more people.

All LGUs are further encouraged to showcase their respective Women's and Children's Desk accomplishments such as resolution of cases involving domestic violence and women and child abuse, trafficking in persons, among others.

All DILG Regional, Provincial and City Directors and Field Officers shall extend assistance to the LGUs in the organization of the latter's activities and cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all Local Government Units within their respective areas of jurisdiction. They shall report the developments of their initiatives to the Office of the Secretary, through the Bureau of Local Government Development.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
**ANGELO T. REYES**  
 Secretary



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