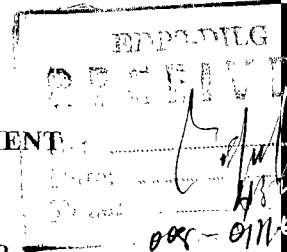


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**FOR : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS,
PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL/PROVINCIAL/CITY
DIRECTORS AND MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS OFFICERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: OBSERVANCE OF THE 12TH AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS
WEEK 2008**


Proclamation No. 711 issued on January 4, 1996 has declared the third week of January of every year as "**AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK.**" The week-long observance of this event aims to inform the public about autism; promote a supportive and caring environment to enable persons with autism to live with dignity; and enable them to function independently and contribute productively to society.

This year's celebration carries the theme "*Hope Abounds for People Living with Autism.*" All Local Chief Executives are hereby encouraged to spearhead the observance of this significant event in their respective areas of jurisdiction by undertaking activities such as, but not limited to, the following:

1. Autism Walk for a Cause
2. Hanging of Streamers
3. Announcement of Autism Consciousness Week During Monday's Flag Raising Ceremony
4. Lecture Series on Autism
5. On the Spot Painting Contest
6. Advocacy through the tri-Media

DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are hereby directed to ensure the widest dissemination of this Circular. LGUs are further encouraged to submit reports on activities undertaken to the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, through the National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO), within thirty (30) days after the scheduled Autism Consciousness Week.

For information and guidance.


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