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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 2008- 24

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

SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL AWARENESS WEEK FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION 2008

Proclamation No. 731, series of 1996 has declared the 2nd week of February of every year as the "National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation".

This year's celebration will take place on February 10-16, 2008 with the theme "**ANG BATANG LALAKI AY MAARI RIN MAABUSONG SEKSWAL. PAKINGGAN, MAGSUMBONG, TUGUNAN!**" **BATA: MAGSUMBONG KA, MAKIKINIG SILA!** The annual observance seeks to make our communities safe haven for children.

All Local Chief Executives are hereby encouraged to spearhead and support the observance of this significant event in their respective jurisdiction by undertaking activities such as, but not limited to, the following:

1. Hanging of Streamer
2. Announcement of Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation during Flag Raising Ceremonies
3. Lecture series/orientation/skills training relative to the protection of children against sexual abuse and exploitation

4. Lay Forum
5. Art/painting contest/quiz bee contest depicting this year's theme
6. Media blitz
7. Other activities

DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are hereby directed to facilitate the widest dissemination of this Circular to all concerned and submit a report on the activities undertaken by the LGUs to the Secretary, through the National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO), within thirty (30) days after the week-long celebration.

For compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary:


AUSTERE A. PANADERO
Undersecretary 