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

SUBJECT : NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF 2008 WOMEN'S MONTH
AND DAY

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Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation Nos. 224 and 227, and Republic Act No. 6949, March 8 is declared as Women's Day, first week of March as Women's Week, and the whole month of March as National Women's Month.

This year's theme is "**CEDAW ng Bayan: Yaman ng Kababaihan,**" in recognition of the significant contributions of women in the nation's economic development: **CEDAW** which stands for "**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women**" is the first and only international treaty ratified in 1981 that comprehensively addresses women's rights not only within civil and political spheres, but also within economic, social, cultural and family life.

Specifically, this year's celebration aims to:

- ❖ promote the use of Gender and development (GAD) budget to finance gender equality and women's empowerment programs at the national and local levels, specifically in addressing the CEDAW Committees Concluding Comments;
- ❖ renew gender mainstreaming efforts relating to GAD budgeting; and
- ❖ explore possible partnership and collaboration with non-government organizations (NGOs), development institutions and private sector for resource generation initiatives aimed at financing development programs for women.

In view thereof and in line with CSC MC No. 4, series of 2008 dated February 8, 2008, all LGUs are enjoined to celebrate Women's Month/Day in their respective localities, through the holding of fitting activities in accordance with the above mentioned theme such as but not limited to the following:

- ❖ information caravan
- ❖ distribution of knowledge products
- ❖ job fair
- ❖ trade fair showcasing local products made by women
- ❖ exhibit, lectures and sharing of good practices on women's economic empowerment
- ❖ lectures on CEDAW and economic rights
- ❖ awarding of good practices and
- ❖ local CEDAW feedbacking sessions.

All LGUs are further encouraged to display streamers following the prescribed logo provided by the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW). The logo can be uploaded from NCRFW Website (www.ncrfw.gov.ph). Furthermore, LGUs may translate the theme in their respective dialects to reach out more people, and they may also have their sub-theme based to the LGU's mandate.

All DILG Regional and Field Officers are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular as well as extend necessary assistance to the LGUs in the organization of related activities.

For the guidance of all concerned.

By Authority of the Secretary



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