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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 : LEGAL ADOPTION CAMPAIGN**

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Article 20 (3) of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child provides that "State Parties shall, in accordance with their national laws, ensure alternative care for orphaned, abandoned and neglected children."

Article 3 of PD 603 provides that: "The state upholds the right of every child to a wholesome family life that will provide him/her with love, care, understanding, guidance and counseling, and moral and material security, [and that] in cases, however, of a dependent or abandoned child, he will be provided with the nearest substitute to a home."

It is the policy of the State to protect and strengthen the family and as such, it is only proper for the State to ensure that each child be given the chance to enjoy the sense of security, formation of identity and comfort that being part of the family may bring.

To ensure children are properly and legally adopted, all Local Chief Executives and others concerned are encourage to:

- a) Establish a system that will aid in the identification of potential families as prospective adoptive or foster parents and deciding children for adoption;
- b) In determining eligible children for foster care or adoption, ensure that all surrendered, neglected and/or abandoned children in their locality be assessed and declared legally available for adoption by the Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO) before placement for adoption;

- c) Strengthen their respective Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) with the objective of promoting legal adoption, foster care and other alternative family care;
- d) Report children who are under the care of unauthorized persons;
- e) Facilitate and expedite the posting of requirements of the Head of their respective LSWDO; and
- f) Comply with the requirements of laws, policies and issuances on child care and placement and protection.

Likewise, all DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are requested to cause the widest dissemination of this issuance to all local government units and others concerned in their areas of jurisdiction and extend the necessary assistance in the promotion of the program.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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Secretary



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