



February 16, 2016

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
NO. 2016-18**

**T O : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

**SUBJECT : 2016 CELEBRATION OF THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL ARTS MONTH**

Proclamation No. 683 declares the month of February of every year as National Arts Month. This year's month-long celebration is spearheaded by the *National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)*, which aims to: (a) promote and popularize outstanding Filipino artists, (b) promote the integration of arts in community life, (c) underscore the significant role of arts and artists in uplifting the nation's spirit, and (d) utilize art as a catalyst for values education.

Relative to the above, all Local Chief Executives in provinces, cities and municipalities are hereby encouraged to:

1. Display streamer(s) in front of provincial/city/municipal halls, to carry the theme to be formulated by the respective LGU, relevant to local culture, arts and community aspirations,
2. Upload the official campaign streamer in LGU website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts,
3. Undertake related activities, and disseminate month-long celebration awareness information materials, and
4. Submit report to the NCCA using the attached report form format.

For related inquiries and other concerns, all concerned may coordinate with *Ms. Vanessa M. Nicolas* of the *National Commission for Culture and the Arts* at Telephone No. (02) 527-2192 loc. 302 or email at [nam@ncca.gov.ph](mailto:nam@ncca.gov.ph).

All DILG Regional Directors and ARMM Regional Governor are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to LGUs within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

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