# CELEBRATION OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS AND OFFI PROTECTION (CPAP) WEEK

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## 1. Background

The determination for the total development of the sector of persons with disabilities is a state policy enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution and reaffirmed by various legislations such as Republic Act 7277 otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities and Batas Pambansa 344 otherwise known as the Accessibility Law and other executive issuances such as the Proclamation 588, Declaring the period from September 16-22 of each year as Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week.

## 2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to encourage all local government units to observe this event with the hopes to create an environment that will allow persons with cerebral palsy to enjoy productive lives by raising the awareness of the people throughout the society and to inform the public that causes of disabilities can be prevented and, in cases when such disabilities exist, early detection and prompt and appropriate intervention can be performed to help lessen the severity of the disability.

## 3. Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City/Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional Directors, ARMM Regional Secretary and all others concerned.

# 4. Policy Content and Guidelines

In consonance with the proclamation, the theme "Towards an Inclusive Philippine Society for Persons with Cerebral Palsy" is being adopted for the 2017 CPAP week Celebration. Relative thereto, all local government units are enjoined to support the observance by conducting fitting activities such as but not limited to the following:

- Hanging of advocacy streamers/tarpaulins in strategic places
- Announcement of the CPAP Week celebration during Flag Raising Ceremony
- Scientific Congress on Cerebral Palsy

- Sensitivity Training for Employers
- Family Day/Educational Field Trip for Children with Cerebral Palsy
- Medical Mission for persons with cerebral palsy
- Demonstration/Tournament of Boccia sports for persons with cerebral palsy

The layout/design of the CPAP week streamer can be downloaded from the NCDA website <a href="http://www.ncda.gov.ph">http://www.ncda.gov.ph</a>.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular and extend the necessary assistance.

#### 5. Reference

- 5.1. Letter from Executive Director Carmen R. Zubiaga of the National Council on Disability Affairs
- 5.2 Proclamation no. 588, Declaring the period from September 16-22 of each year as Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week

## 6. Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

## 7. Approving Authority

By Authority of the Secretary:

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### 8. Feedback

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