# CELEBRATION OF THE 40<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL DISABILITY PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION WEEK

Memorandum Circular No. 2018-100

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# 1. Background

Over the years, the government had exerted efforts in uplifting the economic and social welfare of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in our country. On August 19, 2000, Proclamation No. 361 was issued declaring every third week of July as the "National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week" to raise awareness on the problems on disability, and encourage every citizen to take active responsibility in addressing these issues. By understanding the needs and capabilities of PWDs, opportunities for PWDs will be created by citizens and the government thus, making PWDs more productive, self-reliant, and empowered to participate as active citizens contributing to the betterment of society and the development of the economy.

# 2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to encourage all local government units to observe this event by raising the awareness of their constituencies on the plight and potentials of persons with disabilities with the intent to create an enabling environment that will allow PWDs to enjoy productive lives.

## 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 line with the proclamation, the theme "Kakayahan at Kasanayan Para sa Kabuhayan Tungo sa Kaunlaran" is being adopted for the 40<sup>th</sup> NDPR 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 NDPR Week celebration during Flag Raising Ceremony
- Seminar on Entrepreneurship
- Orientation /Forum on Parenting Children with Special Needs
- Sports activities and exhibitions
- Medical Mission for PWDs

The layout/design of the NDPR 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 to LGUs in the conduct of activities during the NDPR week celebration..

#### 5. Reference

- 5.1. Letter from Executive Director Carmen R. Zubiaga of the National Council on Disability Affairs
- 5.2 Proclamation No. 361, Declaring the Third Week of July as the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week which shall culminate on the Birthdate of the Sublime Paralytic: Apolinario Mabini on July 23 Each Year.

## 6. Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

# 7. Approving Authority

By Authority of the Secretary:

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Undersecretary for Local Government

### 8. Feedback

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