OBSERVANCE OF THE 15TH CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS AND PROTECTION (CPAP) WEEK

August 20, 2018

Memorandum Circular No. 2018-139

1. Background

The determination of the total development of persons with disabilities (PWDs) is a state policy enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution 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*.

Other executive issuances are promulgated to increase awareness and understanding of the varying capacities and challenges faced by persons with disabilities in order to mobilize support and create an enabling environment for the sector. Thus, Proclamation 588, Declares the period from September 16-22 of each year as Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week to give due focus and attention to individuals with cerebral palsy and their families with the end in view of fostering a more inclusive society.

2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to raise nationwide awareness and sensitivity to the plight of individuals with cerebral palsy by way of encouraging local government units (LGUs) to observe the "15th Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week" with the hope of creating an enabling environment that will allow persons with cerebral palsy to lead more productive and enjoyable 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 consonance with the proclamation, the theme,

"A Better World for Persons with Cerebral Palsy Love+Understand+Support=Make a Difference" is being adopted for the 2018 CPAP week Celebration. Relative thereto, all local government units are enjoined to support the nationwide observance of Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week 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
- Advocacy/Awareness Walk
- Scientific Congress on Cerebral Palsy
- Forum on "Empowering of Families of Persons with Cerebral Palsy
- Boccia Tournament for Persons with Cerebral Palsy
- Medical Mission for Persons with Cerebral Palsy
- Forum on the Right to Employment for Persons with Cerebral Palsy

The layout/design of the CPAP week streamer can be downloaded from the NCDA website http://www.ncda.gov.ph.

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

5. Reference

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:

AUSTERE A. PANADERO

Undersecretary for Local Government

8. Feedback

For more information, you may contact Ms. Sheryl N. Macalipay from the Bureau of Local Government Development thru tel nos. 927-7852 or Mr. Rizalio R. Sanchez and/or Mr. Jayme J. Mariño of NCDA thru telephone nos. 951-5013, 932-6422 local 111.

2018 CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS AND PROTECTION (CPAP) Week Celebration

September 16-22, 2018
Theme: A Better World for Persons with Cerebral Palsy
Love+Understand+Support= Make a Difference

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

September 16	Sunday	September 18 Tuesday	September 19 Wednesday
*Kick-off Activities (1) Holy Mass (2) Advocacy/Awareness Walk (3) Opening Ceremonies Venue: National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Car Doña Juana Rodriquez Avenue (formerly B Avenue), New Manila, Quezon City Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Lead Agencies: CPAP, NCDA and Diocese of Cubac	roadway	Psycho-Spiritual Retreat for Persons with Cerebral Palsy Forum on "Empowering of Families of Persons with Cerebral Palsy" Venue: San Andres Sports Complex, Manila Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Lead Agencies: Life Change Recovery Center, CPAP and NCDA	Forum on the Right to Employment for Persons with Cerebral Palsy Venue: Civil Service Commission, Batasan Hills Quezon City Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Lead Agencies: Civil Service Commission, DOLE, TESDA, PESO, CPAP, NCDA
September 20	Thursday	September 21 Friday	Pre-CPAP Week Activities
Scientific Congress on Cerebral Palsy Venue: Convention Hall, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Lead Person/Agency: Ms. Precy Declaro-Deluria and DOH		Octavio S.A. Gonzales Boccia Tournament for Persons with Cerebral Palsy Tentative Venue: SM City Marikina, Marikina Cityq Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Lead Agency: PACDLD, PHILSPADA, PARM, Marikina City PDAO CPAP and NCDA September 22 Saturday	DSWD, DFA and DepEd Lead Agency: NCDA
		Closing Ceremonies and 25th Anniversary of CPAP, Inc. Venue: San Juan Gym, San Juan City Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Lead Agency: San Juan City PDAO, CPAP & NCDA	\\

For more information and details of the celebration, please get-in-touch with the Secretariat thru the following contact details: Tel. Nos.: 951-5013 and 932-6422 local 111 or email address ieeancda@gmail.com