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**41ST NATIONAL DISABILITY PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION WEEK
CELEBRATION**

**Memorandum Circular No. 2019-101
July 8, 2019**



1. Background

Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) are part of Philippine society, thus the state has the responsibility to give full support to the improvement of their total well-being and integration into the society. They have the same rights as other people to take their proper place in the society and to be able to live freely and as independently as possible. To be able to realize this rights, there is a need to convey this information to all the citizens.

Thus, Proclamation No. 361 signed on August 19, 2000 was issued declaring every third week of July as the "National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week" which shall culminate on the Birthdate of the Sublime Paralytic: Apolinario Mabini on July 23 each year to raise awareness on the problems of disability, and encourage every citizen to take active responsibility upliftment of the economic and social conditions of the PWDs of our society.

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, BARMM Minister and all others concerned.

4. Policy Content and Guidelines

The NDPR week shall be observed on July 17-23, 2019 with the theme "**Lokal na Pamahalaan: Kabalikat sa Pagtupad ng Karapatan ng mga Taong May Kapansanan**". 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 and reciting the Pledge of Advocates (attached) during Flag Raising Ceremony
- National Disability Awareness and Sensitivity for Government Service Frontliners
- Orientation for Daycare Workers on the Identification of Disabilities among Children
- Orientation /Forum on Parenting Children with Special Needs
- Artworks Exhibit made by adults and children with disabilities

- Seminar on Entrepreneurship
- Forum on Success Stories of Persons with Disabilities
- Sports activities and exhibitions
- Medical Mission for PWDs

The layout/design of the NDPR 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 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


EDUARDO M AÑO
Secretary



8. Feedback

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PANATA NG ISANG TAGAPAGTAGUYOD

NG KARAPATAN AT PRIBILEHIYO NG MGA MAYKAPANSANAN

Ako si, (banggitin ang pangalan) ay naniniwala na ang mga taong may kapansanan ay may karapatan rin na katulad ng tinatamasa ng bawat mamamayan; na dapat igalang, pangalagaan at tuparin ng lahat, lalo na ng bawat namumuno sa ating mga pamayanan at lahat ng sangay ng pamahalaan.

Dahil dito, ako ay nangangako, sa abot ng aking makakaya, na magiging tagapagtaguyod ng kanilang mga karapatan at pribilehiyo, na naayon sa mga pandaigdigang kasunduan na nilagdaan ng ating pamahalaan, at mga batas na dapat ipatupad sa bansang ating tinatahanan;

Bilang isang tagapagtaguyod, ako ay magpapahayag ng madiing pagtutol sa mga gawaing magpapababa sa dignidad ng mga maykapansanan, lalo na sa mga bata at nakatatanda; at pigilan ang lahat ng uri ng pang-aabuso, panunukso at diskriminasyon ng dahil sa kanilang kapansanan;

Isusulong ko sa aking pamahalaang lokal at mga tanggapan ng mga pambansang kawanihan na aking kayang abutin na isama ang mga taong may kapansanan sa lahat ng programa at mga serbisyo upang mapaunlad ang kanilang pamumuhay sa kanilang sariling pamayanan, sa piling ng kanilang mga pamilya;

Sisikapin ko na maging bahagi ng malawakang kampanya ng pagmumulat ukol sa kapansanan, kung paano ito maiiwasan at mapalakas ang bawat taong may kapansanan at ang kanilang mga samahan, bilang mga kaagapay sa pagbuo ng isang pamayanang nangangalaga, at gumagalang sa karapatan ng bawat mamamayan.

Bilang TAGAPAGTAGUYOD ng mga karapatan at pribilehiyo ng mga may kapansanan ako ay hihikayat pa ng mga tagapagtaguyod na bigkasin ang PANATANG ito, kasunod ang pagkilos upang makamit ang layunin tungo sa isang pamayanang nangangalaga para sa lahat.

Tulongan nawa ako ng MAYKAPAL.

LOYALTY PLEDGE OF AN ADVOCATE

OF THE RIGHTS OF
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

I, (state your name), believe that persons with disabilities have the same rights, enjoyed by other citizens, that should be respected, protected and fulfilled by all, especially by every community leader and head of all government agencies;

Because of this, I hereby pledge, to the best of my ability to advocate for their rights and privileges, in accordance with international treaties ratified by the Philippine government and all national laws that should be implemented by the State;

As an advocate, I will denounce all forms of negative actions that will put down their dignity, especially those of the children and older persons; and to stop violence, abuse, vilifications and all forms of discrimination on the basis of disability;

I will advocate in my entity/agency within my reach and competency their inclusion in all programs and services, to uplift their lives within their own community, within their family; and within the society;

I will do my best to be a part of a massive campaign on disability awareness geared toward their empowerment and integration into the mainstream of society so they will become partners in nation-building; and

As an ADVOCATE of their inherent rights, I solemnly swear that I will encourage more advocates to recite this pledge, followed by affirmative actions in order, to realize our goals leading to a nurturing community for all.

So help me GOD...