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## 2020 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CELEBRATION

Memorandum Circular No. 2020-157

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 Pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution No. 47/3 issued on 14 October 1992, which was later adopted by the Philippines through Proclamation No. 1157 on 16 October 2006 dated 16, October 2006 declared December 03 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).
- 1.2 In response, the Philippines issued Proclamation No. 1157 on 16 October 2006 declaring December 03 and every year thereafter as the “**International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration.**”
- 1.3 The observance of this event hopes to create an environment that will allow person with disability to enjoy productive lives by raising the awareness of the people throughout the society and to inform the public that the causes of disabilities can be prevented and in cases when such disabilities exist, early detection and prompt and appropriate intervention can be performed.

### 2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to enjoin all Local Government Units (LGUs) to observe the Celebration of the **2020 International Day of Persons with Disabilities** in order to raise nationwide awareness and sensitivity to the plight of individuals with disability.

### 3. Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, BARMM Chief Minister, City / Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional Directors, BARMM Minister of Local Government, Field Officers and all others concerned.



#### 4. Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1 This year's 2020 International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration adopts the theme "**Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World**" which will be commemorated on **December 03, 2020**.
- 4.2 To give prominence to the celebration, all Local Government Units (LGUs) are enjoined to hang streamers in conspicuous places/spot in their offices/edifices to promote the said celebration. Streamer can be downloaded at the NCDA website <https://www.ncda.gov.ph/>.
- 4.3 LGUs are also enjoined to support the celebration by conducting fitting activities, mindful of the themes and their contribution to the objectives of the celebration.
- 4.4 All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all LGUs within their respective regional assignments.

#### 5. References

- 5.1 Un General Assembly Resolution No. 47/3 and Proclamation No. 1157 declaring December 03 of each year as International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 5.2 Letter request from Executive Director Engr. Emerito L. Rojas of NCDA.

#### 6. Approving Authority

  
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Secretary, DILG 

#### 7. Feedback

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