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43rd NATIONAL DISABILITY PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION WEEK

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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 (LGUs) to observe the Celebration of the **43rd National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week** 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 NDPR Week adopts the theme "**Kalusugan at Kaunlaran ng Pilipinong May Kapansanan, Isulong sa Gitna ng Pandemya**" which will be commemorated on **July 17-23, 2021**. The celebration focuses on "Health and Economic Empowerment" of persons with disabilities who are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4.2 During the opening ceremony of the NDPR week on **17 July 2021**, all LGUs are encourage to conduct **simultaneous COVID-19 vaccination of persons with disabilities until 18 July 2021** as one of the major activities of the week-long celebration. NCDAA in coordination with the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) would like to receive photo documentation of this activity for proper recognition.
- 4.3 To give prominence to the celebration, all Local Government Units (LGUs) are enjoined to hang streamers in conspicuous places in their offices/edifices to promote the said celebration. Streamer can be downloaded at this link: <https://rb.gy/8e6c0g>
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 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 Proclamation No. 361 dated 19 August 2000.
- 5.2 Letter from Executive Director Emerito L. Rojas of the National Council on Disability Affairs.

6. Approving Authority


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Secretary

