



Republic of the Philippines  
**National Council on Disability Affairs**  
Quezon City

**NCDA BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 5  
SERIES OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION  
ON DISABILITY-RELATED CEEBRATIONS TO RECTIFY DEROGATORY AND  
DISCRIMINATORY TERM OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Executive Order Nos. 709 and 33, the National Council on Disability Affairs Agency (NCDA) is created as the primary agency responsible for the promotion, protection, and advancement of the rights and welfare of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the NCDA mandates to lead and promote disability-related celebrations pursuant to various Presidential Proclamations/issuances;

**WHEREAS**, disability celebrations provide an important platform to recognize and celebrate the contributions of PWDs to society. These celebrations are also conducted to increase the public's awareness of the challenges and struggles faced by PWDs on a daily basis and advancement of their rights;

**WHEREAS**, NCDA plays a key role in promoting disability celebrations as it works closely with organizations of persons with disabilities to ensure that their voices are heard and their needs are met. It also works with local government units and other stakeholders to provide support for disability celebrations and provides technical assistance and capacity building to ensure that the disability celebrations are organized in an effective and efficient manner;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is a State Party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) mandates to combat stereotypes, prejudices and harmful practices, and promote positive perceptions and greater social awareness towards persons with disabilities;

**WHEREAS**, the NCDA took the initiative for the revision and modification of any derogatory and discriminatory and/or language used in the previously issued proclamations on disability such as the term of retarded, disorder, special child/children, medical model of disability and alike that promotes stereotypes and negative perceptions towards persons with disabilities;

**RESOLVED THEREFORE AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, the NCDA Board recommends to the President to issue proclamation to rectify and modify any derogatory and discriminatory terminology and/or language against persons with disabilities used in the previously issued proclamations on disability celebrations.

**RESOLVE FURTHER**, a proposed proclamation will be drafted by the NCDA Secretariat and submit it to the Office of President through the Office of the Executive Secretary.

**APPROVED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 during the NCDA 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting held at Microtel by Wyndham UP Technohub, Diliman, Quezon City.

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