



Republika ng Pilipinas  
**NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS**

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2  
SERIES OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE CELEBRATION THRU ORGANIZING THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS (NDR) WEEK CELEBRATION IN PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION NO. 597, "DECLARING THE PERIOD OF 17 TO 23 JULY OF EVERY YEAR AS THE "NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS WEEK"**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines as a State Party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) promote, protect and ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity;

**WHEREAS**, UNCRPD Article 8 on Awareness raising provides that "State Party shall adopt immediate, effective and appropriate measures on raising public awareness throughout society regarding persons with disabilities to foster respect for their rights and dignity";

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7277 otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities" as amended, declares as a policy to facilitate integration of persons with disabilities into the mainstream of society, the State shall advocate for and encourage respect for persons with disabilities. The State shall exert all efforts to remove all social, cultural, economic, environmental and attitudinal barriers that are prejudicial to persons with disabilities;

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 597 declares July 17-23 as the National Disability Rights Week. Moreover, for this purpose, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), through the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), is hereby directed to lead, coordinate, and supervise the observance of the National Disability Rights Week, and identify the programs, activities and projects for the celebration thereof;

**WHEREAS**, General Appropriate Acts, FY 2025 Sec. 33. Programs and Projects Related to Senior Citizens and Persons with Disability. All agencies of the government shall formulate plans, programs and projects intended to address the concerns of senior citizens and persons with disability, insofar as it relates to their mandated functions, and integrate the same in their regular activities.

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate an orderly and coordinated conduct of the said annual celebration, a National Working Committee (NWC) is being recommended to be organized and ensure the effective and efficient implementation of Proclamation No. 597, Republic Act No. 7277 and other policies and international commitments promoting respect for the inherent dignity and rights of persons with disabilities;

**WHEREAS**, NCDA Board Resolution No. 4 S. 2024, "A Resolution Delegating Approval of Succeeding Council Resolutions and/or its Equivalent to the National Council on Disability Affairs Chairperson and Designated Officials", duly authorized the NCDA Chairperson and the NCDA Executive Director to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the NCDA Governing Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED** as it is hereby resolved, the Sub-Committee on Advocacy adopts this resolution on the organizing of the National Working Committee (NWC) on

National Disability Rights Week celebration which shall have the following composition and functions, and endorsing the same to the NCDA Governing Board for approval.

I. Composition:

1. Civil Service Commission
2. Department of Education
3. Department of Health
4. Department of Information Communication and Technology
5. Department of the Interior and Local Government
6. Department of Labor and Employment
7. Department of Public Works and Highways
8. Department of Social Welfare and Development
9. Department of Transportation
10. Department of Trade and Industry
11. Philippine Information Agency
12. Philippine Sports Commission
13. One representative each from three (3) organizations of persons with disabilities with national scope.

II. Functions:

1. Formulate the theme and objectives of NDR week one year before the celebration in consultation with organizations of and for persons with disabilities.
2. Develop guidelines to determine the lead government agency for each year's celebration based on the theme and objectives of the celebration.
3. To come up with an annual calendar of regular activities of the Committee including preparation and post-evaluation of the NDR week celebration.
4. Issue a guidelines or primer for the conduct of the NDR week celebration including recommended activities in line with the theme as reference for government agencies' planning and budgeting relative to General Appropriations Act and other relevant policies.
5. Disseminate information about the NDR week celebration to all social media platforms that are available in accessible formats.
6. Prepare monitoring report on the NDR week celebration including evaluation and recommendations to the NCDA Sub-Committee on Advocacy and Governing Board.

**FURTHER**, that the NCDA Information, Education and Communications Division shall serve as the Secretariat to the National Working Committee and provide necessary technical assistance and logistical support. Moreover, budget is allocated for the conduct of NWC meetings relative to the NDR celebration.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Advocacy (PIA) and the NCDA Executive Director shall be duly authorized to sign the resolution endorsing it to the NCDA Governing Board for consideration and approval.

**APPROVED** held this 27 day of FEB 2025.

  
**GLEND A. RELOVA**  
Executive Director, NCDA

  
**REX GATCHALIAN**  
DSWD Secretary & Chairperson, NCDA




## CERTIFICATION

**This is to certify that:**

1. The National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) is composed of the Governing Board and a Secretariat Office;
2. The NCDA Secretariat holds office at the NCDA Building Isidora St. Brgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City;
3. I am presently the Board Secretary of the NCDA Secretariat Office;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the NCDA Governing Board, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. NCDA Board Resolution No.2 Series of 2025 "A Resolution Promoting the Celebration thru Organizing the National Working Committee on National Disability Rights (NDR) Week Celebration in Pursuant to Proclamation No. 597, "Declaring the Period of 17 to 23 July of Every Year as the "National Disability Rights Week" was unanimously approved and adopted during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NCDA Governing Board Meeting held on 05 February 2025 at the Bayview Park Hotel Manila;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by NCDA Executive Director Glenda D. Relova and NCDA Chairperson and DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian upon authority of the NCDA Governing Board Members;
7. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 27 day of FEB 2025, Quezon City.

  
**PRECIOUS KEITCH P. HORVIDALLA**  
Board Secretary III  
NCDA Secretariat Office