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February 28, 2022

MEMORANDUM

**FOR : All Regional Executive Directors
Bureau Directors
Heads of Attached Agencies**

ATTENTION : PWD Focal Persons

**FROM : The Director
Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service**

SUBJECT : 18th WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES DAY CELEBRATION

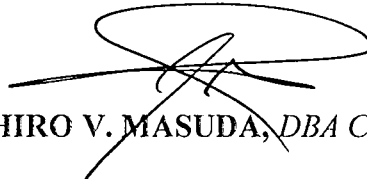
The National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) is inviting the participation of all national government agencies to observe the 18th Women with Disabilities Day Celebration this March 28, 2022 with the theme: “Kababaihang may Kapansanan sa New Normal: Kapantay, Kaisa, at Kasama sa Inklusibong Kaunlaran.” The celebration aims to empower Persons with Disabilities through responsive policies, programs and services.

As an active partner of NCDA, your office is encouraged to participate in a one-day celebration by:

1. Hanging of a streamer with prescribed design on the 18th Women with Disabilities Day celebration and use of prescribed design as computer desktop background which can be downloaded at NCDA website, www.ncda.gov.ph;
2. Conduct of virtual environmental activities for PWDs and Senior Citizens or conduct COVID 19 related activities.
3. Submission of report on the said celebration to the Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service using attached template.

Attached is a copy of Proclamation No.744 (s 2004) of Women with Disabilities.

For consideration.


HIRO V. MASUDA, DBA CESO III

Proclamation No. 744, s. 2004

Signed on December 6, 2004

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 744

DECLARING THE LAST MONDAY OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES DAY

WHEREAS, the total development and empowerment of women is a State policy enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution which specifically provides that. . ."The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men" (Section 14, Article II);

WHEREAS, the Constitution further provides that . . ."The State shall protect working women by providing safe and healthful working conditions, taking into account their maternal functions, and such facilities and opportunities that will enhance their welfare and enable them to realize their full potential in the service of the nation" (Section 14, Article XIII);

WHEREAS, in order to translate these Constitutional provisions into action, Republic Act 7192, otherwise known as the "Women in Development and Nation Building Act", was passed and enacted into law by Congress;

WHEREAS, a number of policies were issued by the national government enjoining women to participate actively and meaningfully at all levels of policy-making and governance such as Proclamation No. 224 issued on March 1, 1988, "Declaring the First Week of March of Every Year as Women's Week and March 8, 1988 and every year thereafter as Women's Rights and International Peace Day" in commemoration of the struggle of Filipino women for national freedom, civil liberty, equality and human rights;

WHEREAS, women with disabilities are also part of society and as such deserve equal rights in the field of law and in all aspects of human endeavor;

WHEREAS, in dealing justly with the rights of women with disabilities and in order for the Philippine government to comply with the regional mandate prescribed under the Biwako Millennium Framework (BMF) for Action Towards an Inclusive Barrier-Free and Rights-Based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific adopted on October 25–28, 2002 by the United Nations-Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP), this proclamation is being issued for the purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the last Monday of March of every year as "WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES DAY".

The National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP), in partnership with the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), and other concerned organizations, is hereby directed to ensure the observance of the Women with Disabilities Day. Likewise, the NCWDP, with the assistance of the NCRFW will specifically highlight and integrate the needs and concerns of the women with disabilities in the Comprehensive Plan of Action for persons with disabilities.

All heads of departments, chiefs of bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government are hereby instructed to implement plans, programs and activities geared towards the fulfillment of the human rights of the women with disabilities.

Local chief executives and other officials of local government units are hereby encouraged to implement plans, programs and activities geared towards the fulfillment of the human rights of the women with disabilities.

Specifically, all concerned agencies should ensure equal access of women with disabilities to health services, education, training and employment and protection from sexual and other forms of abuse. They are also directed to implement programmes to raise public awareness of the situation of women with disabilities and to promote positive attitudes, role models and opportunities for their development. The NCRFW shall integrate the concerns and needs of the women with disabilities in the national plan for women.

The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this proclamation shall be sourced from the five percent (5%) of each agency's budget for gender and development (GAD) provided for in the yearly General Appropriations Act and from other funds to support the implementation of the national plan of action for women.

Non-government organizations and self-help groups among women with disabilities, as well as other organizations, are hereby enjoined to take full cognizance of this proclamation and to fully cooperate in the attainment of its goal and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 6th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

(Sgd.) **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**

By the President:

(SGD.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary

Source: CD Asia

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Name of Agency

joins the nation in celebrating the

18th Women with Disabilities Day



March 28, 2022

Theme:

**“Kababaihang may Kapansanan sa New Normal:
Kapantay, Kaisa, at Kasama sa Inklusibong
Kaunlaran”**

Empowering Persons with Disabilities through Responsive Policies, Programs, and Services

**AGENCY FEEDBACK REPORT ON THE
18th Women with Disabilities Day Celebration
March 28, 2022
Activities Conducted/Undertaken**

Nature of Activity	Venue	Date Conducted	No. of Participants		Remarks
			Female	Male	

Submitted By:

Name of Authorized Official/Designation

Name of Agency : _____

Address : _____

Contact Numbers : _____