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**Department of Education**

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No. **139**, s. 2017

**14TH CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS AND PROTECTION WEEK**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Secretary, ARMM  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) and the Cerebral Palsy Association of the Philippines Inc. will commemorate the **14th Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection (CPAP) Week** with the theme *Towards an Inclusive Philippine Society for Persons with Cerebral Palsy*. This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 588, s. 2004 entitled *Declaring September 16-22, 2004 and Every Year Thereafter as Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection (CPAP) Week* (Enclosure No. 1).
2. The Celebration aims to create an environment which will allow persons with cerebral palsy enjoy productive lives through raising public awareness throughout the society.
3. To ensure the success of the week-long observance, all schools are encouraged to support the following activities:
  - a. Hanging of streamers in conspicuous places; and
  - b. Conduct of activities, which are appropriate to the setting such as, but not limited to, the activities indicated in Enclosure No. 2 being spearheaded by the members of the CPAP National Working Committee.
4. The layout design of the streamer can be downloaded at the NCDA website: <http://www.ncda.gov.ph>.
5. For more information, all concerned may contact either **Mr. Rizalino R. Sanchez** or **Mr. Jayme J. Mariño**, National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), Isidora Street, Barangay Holy Spirit, Quezon City at telephone nos. (02) 951-5013, (02) 932-6422 local 111; mobile phone nos. 0920-906-2306, 0920-902-2296 or through email address: [iecda@gmail.com](mailto:iecda@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.ncda.gov.ph>.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 146, s. 2016

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**MALACAÑANG PALACE  
MANILA  
PROCLAMATION No. 588**

**DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 16 to 22, 2004 AND EVERY YEAR  
THEREAFTER AS CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS AND PROTECTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the determination for the total development of the sector of persons with disabilities is a state policy enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution and reaffirmed by various legislations, such as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons (R.A. 7277), the Accessibility Law (B.P. 344) and other executive issuances;

**WHEREAS**, in dealing justly and in establishing a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities nationwide, the government and its instrumentalities, both national, and local, take cognizance of the “RIGHTS-BASED” principle as set forth in the Biwako Millennium Framework (BMF) for Actions Towards an Inclusive Barrier-Free and Rights-Based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific which was adopted on October 25-28, 2002 by the United Nations-Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN- ESCAP);

**WHEREAS**, in order for the Philippine government to conform with the regional mandate prescribed by the UN-ESCAP, Proclamation No. 240 dated August 21, 2002, was issued “Declaring the Period from Year 2003 to the Year 2012 as the Philippine Decade of Persons with Disabilities”;

**WHEREAS**, the causes of disabilities can be prevented, and in cases when such disabilities exist, early detection and prompt and appropriate intervention can be performed by raising the state of awareness and concerns of the public;

**WHEREAS**, the active and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in all levels of policy-making, planning, monitoring and evaluation are essential factors in equalization of the opportunities for persons with disabilities;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of various executive issuances and proclamations focusing on particular disability groups like the White Cane Safety Day (August 1) for the visually impaired, the Down Syndrome Consciousness Month (February) for the down syndrome, the Deaf Awareness Week (The Third Week of November) for the hearing impaired, etc. are observed and participated in by such disability groups which contribute immensely to public awareness.

**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 period from September 16 to 22, 2004 and every year thereafter as “Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection (CPAP) Week”.

The National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons, in partnership with the Cerebral Palsied Association of the Philippines, Inc. and other concerned organizations, is hereby directed to ensure the appropriate observance of the Cerebral Palsy

Awareness and Protection Week by formulating a Comprehensive National Plan of - Action to fulfill the objectives of this Proclamation.

All heads of Departments, Chiefs of Bureaus, Offices, Agencies and Instrumentalities of the National Government, including officials of the Local Governments, are hereby instructed to implement plans, programs and activities geared towards the development of persons with cerebral palsy based on the National Plan of Action for Persons with Disabilities.

The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this proclamation shall be sourced Out from the one percent (1%) of each agency's total budget for persons with disabilities provided for in the yearly General Appropriations Act or from other funds to support the implementation of the National Plan of Action for Persons with Disabilities.

Non-government organizations and self-help groups among persons with cerebral palsy and other form of disabilities, as well as other organizations are hereby enjoined to take full cognizance of the 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 25th day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO  
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO  
Executive Secretary

