



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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**2016 NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK (NHRCW)**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads

1. The National Human Rights Consciousness Week Act of 2002 (Republic Act [RA] No. 9201) declares December 4 to 10 of every year as the **National Human Rights Consciousness Week (NHRCW)** in the country. Pursuant to RA 9201, the Department of Education (DepEd) joins the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and other government agencies in celebrating the NHRCW this year with the theme *Stand Up For Someone's Rights Today*.

2. The Celebration aims to:

- a. increase public awareness on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), adopted by the United Nations in 1948;
- b. promote respect and understanding on the rights proclaimed under the universal declaration in order to create a sustainable human rights culture in the country; and
- c. propagate, particularly among students, the culture of respect and awareness against child abuse.

3. By virtue of the said law, all government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, are mandated to celebrate the week through simple and appropriate ceremonies and activities to make people aware of their basic human rights in relation to the functions and services offered by these government instrumentalities.

4. In view of the foregoing, the central, regional and division offices, including schools, are encouraged to undertake the following activities:

- a. Hanging of the streamers depicting this year's theme and logo downloadable through: <http://tinyurl.com/StreamerNHRCW2016jpeg> (Enclosure No. 1);
- b. Recitation of the *Panunumpa sa Karapatang Pantao* during the Flag Ceremony on *December 5, 2016* (Enclosure No. 2);
- c. Playing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Video downloadable through: <http://tinyurl.com/UDHRforNHRCW2016>;
- d. Integration of lessons on history of human rights in related subject areas during classroom discussions;

- e. Orientation on Child Rights, Child Protection Policy, Anti-Bullying, and Cyber-Bullying;
  - f. Dissemination of information about the various human rights laws; and
  - g. Holding of other activities with the participation of both public and private schools consistent with the theme and objectives of the Celebration.
5. The school heads, with the Social Studies department heads, are requested to send reports or documentation on the activities conducted in relation to the NHRCW.
6. For more information and submission of reports, all concerned may contact **Atty. Kristel Joy P. Biscayda**, Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs, Ground Floor, Rizal Building, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City either at telephone no. (02) 633-5429 or through email address: [kristel.biscayda@deped.gov.ph](mailto:kristel.biscayda@deped.gov.ph).
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 152, s. 2015

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**STAND UP  
FOR SOMEONE'S  
RIGHTS TODAY**

Human Rights Day 2016

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

celebrates the

**NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK**

on December 4-10, 2016 and the

68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the

**UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

on December 10, 2016



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## **PANATA SA KARAPATANG PANTAO**

Ako'y Mamamayang Pilipino  
Tungkulin ko ang kilalanin, igalang at itaguyod  
Ang dignidad at karapatan ng bawat tao  
Maging dayuhan man o kalahi ko.

Itataguyod ko ang diwa ng pagkakapantay-pantay ng lahat  
Nang walang kinikilingang kasarian, lipi, paniniwala at katungkulan sa buhay  
Sa larangang Pang ekonomiya, Pampulitika, Pangkultura, Panrelihiyon at Panlipunan  
At malaya sa lahat ng uri ng diskriminasyon at karahasan – kabilang na ang sa  
tahanan.

Diringgin ko ang tinig ng kabataan  
Nang may respeto at pagkilala sa kanilang ideolohiya at kakayahan  
At huhubugin sila na maging matatag na salinlahi sa kinabukasan.  
Titiyakin ko na ang bawat bata ay hindi salat sa pagkalinga,  
may matiwasay na lipunang ginagalawan  
At ang mga pangangailangan ay natutugunan ng pamahalaan.

Igagalang ko ang nakatatanda at aalalayan kung kinakailangan  
Bibigyang puwang sa lipunan ang mga may kapansanan.  
Tutulungan ko ang mga biktimgang nawalan ng tahanan at kabuhayan  
Dulot ng kalamidad, demolisyon, militarisasyon, at armadong labanan.

Pagyayamanin ko ang kultura ng katutubong Pilipino.  
Bubuhayin ko ang pag asa ng bagong buhay sa mga bilanggo.  
Tututulan ko ang pagmamalabis sa kapangyarihan, katiwalian at pagyurak sa  
karapatan  
Ng mga manggagawa sa pribadong tanggapan, sa pamahalaan  
At maging ng mga Pilipino na sa ibayong dagat ay namamasukan.

Paninindigan ko, na sa aking kapwa, ako'y may pananagutan.  
Babantayan na ang Estado ay nagagampanan ang obligasyon sa lipunan.  
Sa ngalan ng KARAPATANG PANTAO, tayo'y makibahagi at magtulungan  
Sa pagsulong sa katuparan ng lahat ng karapatan.