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**FOR/TO : Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Service Directors  
Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Heads of UPMOs  
District Engineers  
This Department**

**SUBJECT : 23<sup>rd</sup> Autism Consciousness Week Celebration**

To observe the 23<sup>rd</sup> Autism Consciousness Week on January 19-26, 2019 by virtue of Proclamation No. 711 dated January 4, 1996, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), together with the Department of Education will lead the week-long celebration.


This year's celebration adopts the theme, "**Pagtuon: Tugon sa mga Pilipinong May 'K' Dulot ng Autismo # Kakayahan # Kagalingan # Kakanyahan # Katalinuhan # Kapansanan**". The observance of this annual activity aims to inspire awareness, acceptance, accommodation, and appreciation of autism in all sectors of society.

In the observance of the event, all government agencies are enjoined to undertake the following activities:

- Extend full support by initiating and conducting related activities to the ACW week-long celebration
- Hanging of 23<sup>rd</sup> ACW official streamer in conspicuous areas within the office premises (<http://www.ncda.gov.ph> or <http://bit.ly/2sobYIm>)
- Reciting of the 1Bansa, 1Pangako in all agencies after their morning flag ceremonies on Monday coinciding with the ACW celebration which can be accessed at the ASP website <http://www.autismsocietyphilippines.org/>)

Attached is the Calendar of Activities for your reference. You may also coordinate with Engr. Emma A. Banatao and Engr. Romar P. Perdiz at Telephone nos. 304 3456/304 3091 for added information.

For dissemination to all concerned.

  
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Assistant Secretary for Support Services

23.1.3 RPP/JVD

Proclamation No. 711

MALACAÑANG

Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION No. 711

DECLARING THE THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY AS AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

WHEREAS, there is a growing incidence of autism among Filipinos, necessitating more people from different sectors to become aware of this disability;

WHEREAS, it is the aim of the Philippine Government to develop awareness of the problems of autistic persons and promote a supportive environment among communities to enable autistic persons to live with dignity and enable them to function independently and contribute productively to society;

WHEREAS, the growing number of autistic persons has spawned the need for early diagnosis, therapy and education intervention to help them and their families manage the lifelong disability;

WHEREAS, the government recognizes the need to provide greater attention and assistance to the plight of autistic persons and mobilize its various agencies and departments, especially the Department of Health, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, and the Department of Social Welfare and Development to look into how they can meaningfully support community-based approaches toward providing early diagnosis, therapy and education intervention to autistic persons;

WHEREAS, at a meeting convened by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Beijing, China, from December 1-5, 1992, an Asia and Pacific Decade was launched;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare January 15 to 21, 1996 and every third week of January thereafter as "Autism Consciousness Week". For this purpose, the Department of Health, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the Department of Interior and Local Government will jointly serve as the national focal point for the commemoration of this event. These agencies will take the lead in initiating activities that will increase awareness on autism and its effects, as well as

its early identification. To ensure immediate intervention, the participation and cooperation of non-government organizations and the private sector will be secured.

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 4th day of January in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

President, Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

# AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

January 19 - 26, 2019

Theme: Pagtuon: Tugon sa mga Pilipinong May 'K' Dulot ng Autismo  
#Kakayahan #Kagalingan #Kakanyahan #Katalinuhan #Kapansanan

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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January 19	Saturday	January 20	Sunday	January 21	Monday
<b>Angels Walk for Autism</b> Venue: SM City Baguio, Baguio City Time: 7:30 AM Lead Agency: Autism Society Philippines		<b>Angels Walk for Autism</b> Venues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ SM Lanang, Davao City (1:00 PM)</li><li>▪ Quezon City Hall, Metro Manila (8:00 AM)</li><li>▪ Rizal (To be determined)</li></ul> Lead Agency: Autism Society Philippines		<b>Pledge Recitation of 1Bansa, 1Pangako during Flag Raising Ceremony</b> <i>(in all National Government Agencies, Local Government Units and Disabled People's Organizations)</i>	
January 22	Tuesday	January 24	Thursday	January 26	Saturday
<b>Storytelling Session with ADARNA Books</b> Venue: Child Development Center, National Children's Hospital, Eulogio Rodriquez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City Time: 8:00 AM-11:00 AM Lead Agencies: PACDLD, NCH and ADARNA Books  <b>Seminar on Inclusive Education</b> Venue: Ateneo de Davao University, Davao City Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Lead Agencies: Autism Society Philippines and Ateneo de Davao University  <b>MOU Signing with Autism Works</b> Venues: Davao City and Metro Manila Lead Agency: Autism Society Philippines		<b>Seminar for Parents for Newly Diagnosed Children with Autism</b> (First 100 days living with persons with autism after diagnosis) Venue: Auditorium, National Children's Hospital Eulogio Rodriquez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City Time: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM Lead Agencies: PACDLD, NCH, Autism Partnership Philippines and NCDA  ----- January 25Friday <b>Sensitivity Seminar for the Travel Industry</b> Venue: (To be determined) Time: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Lead Agency: Autism Society Philippines  <b>Iloilo Autism Summit</b> Venue: West Visayas State University, Iloilo City Lead Agency: ASP Iloilo Chapter		<b>Solidarity Activity</b> Venue: Puzzle Gourmet Store and Café #1 Comets Loop, Blue Ridge B, Blue Ridge, Quezon City Time: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Lead Agencies: PACDLD, Puzzle Café  <b>PWAY Day Fiesta</b> Venue and Time: (To be determined) Lead Agency: Autism Society Philippines  ----- <b>Pre-ACW Week Activities</b>  (a) Hanging of ACW streamers (b) Text blasts on the celebration Lead Agencies: PIA and NTC (c) Publicity and promotions thru the media Lead Agencies: PIA and NCDA (d) Issuance of Memoranda by CSC, DILG and DepEd Lead Agency: NCDA	
January 23	Wednesday				
<b>Forum on the Role of Professionals in the Mngt. Of Children and Youth with Autism</b> Venue: Lakeshore Tent, C6 Road, Lower Bicutan, Taguig City Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Lead Agency: Taguig PDAO					