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DECS MEMORANDUM  
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1997 FAMILY WEEK CELEBRATION

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. In view of Presidential Proclamation No. 60, dated September 28, 1992, "Declaring the Last Week of September of Every Year as Family Week", this year's family celebration shall be from September 21-27, 1997. The proclamation recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation.
2. Side by side with this celebration is the Presidential Proclamation No. 847 " Declaring Every Fourth Sunday of September as Family Thanksgiving Day." This is a special day for the family to get together to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and to forge family unity and cohesiveness.
3. The theme of this year's Family Week Celebration has a centennial focus: "Pamilyang Pilipino: Sandigan ng Kagitingan, Pagkakaisa at Kalayaan."
4. All regional offices, public and private elementary and secondary schools are enjoined to celebrate Family Week. Varied activities such as Family Day, on-the-spot essay writing, slogan and poster - making contests, symposium, panel discussion on family-related issues/topics, barangay-parent education congress and display of Family Week streamers may be undertaken.
5. Regional offices are encouraged to coordinate with DSWD and other concerned agencies in major activities relevant to the celebration such as the 1997 Search For the Huwarang Pamilyang Pilipino, Anti-Ponography Campaign and Zero Waste Management.
6. Immediate, wide and active dissemination of this Memorandum is expected.

  
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**References:**

DECS Memorandums: Nos. 256, and 336, s. 1996

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