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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DECS Memorandum
No. 81, s. 1998

NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

**To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents**

1. Inclosed is a copy of Announcement No. 2 from the Civil Service Commission entitled Attendance/Participation of women in government during the 1998 Regional Celebration of Women's month/day throughout the month of March.
2. Regional directors and schools superintendents are enjoined to celebrate the activity as per suggested schedule for regional celebration.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO
Secretary

Incl.: As stated

Reference:

DECS memorandum : No. 55, s. 1994

Allotment: 1 - (D.O. 50-97)

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Republic of the Philippines
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2

T O : THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, ALL HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT : ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT DURING THE 1998 REGIONAL CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S MONTH/DAY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MARCH

Pursuant to Republic Act 6949 which declares March 8 of every year as a working holiday to be known as National Women's Day and Proclamation No. 227 dated March 17, 1998 as Women's Role in History Month, the Civil Service Commission hereby authorizes the 1998 National Women's Day regional celebration with "POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN" as the theme and "WOMEN'S AGENDA + WOMEN'S VOTE = WOMEN'S POLITICAL POWER" as our working slogan.

Suggested schedule for regional celebration is as follows:

Region 1	March 3 to 9
Region 2	- do -
Region 3	- do -
Region 4 and NCR	March 6
CAR	March 3 to 9
Region 5	March 3 to 9
Region 6	March 16 to 20
Region 7	March 16 to 20
Region 8	March 16 to 20
Region 9	March 23 to 27
Region 10	March 23 to 27
Region 11	March 23 to 27
CARAGA	March 23 to 27
Region 12	March 30 to 31
ARMM	March 30 to 31

Transportation allowance shall be borne by their respective agencies. Any expense incurred by the agency for the celebration of Women's Month shall be charged against its Gender Responsive Projects Funds pursuant to Section 28 of the General Appropriations Act, FY 1998. However, due to present economic constraints, this year's celebration should be in accordance with austerity measures indicated in Administrative Order No. 372 and kept as simple as possible.

The objectives of the celebration are:

- 1) to increase women's awareness on her role as a decision maker whether in public or private life; and
- 2) to highlight women's role in history in connection with the Centennial celebration.

The National Steering Committee which is co-chaired by the Department of Interior and Local Government and the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women has for its members representatives of different line agencies and suggests the following:

- 1) for Women's Month streamers (1 m x 3-1/2 to 4 m) to be displayed in all government offices nationwide during the month of March with a common message:

(NAME OF AGENCY)

JOINS IN THE CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S MONTH!

WOMEN'S AGENDA + WOMEN'S VOTE = WOMEN'S POLITICAL POWER

- 2) to conduct regional researches and to set-up photo exhibits featuring women local leaders and women in politics;
- 3) conduct seminars and information dissemination on the party list system;
- 4) to conduct the different activities in either ethnic or traditional Filipino dress in keeping with the spirit of the Centennial celebration;

All government agencies are enjoined to coordinate their activities relevant to Women's Day/Month with the regional office of the Department of Interior and Local Government which is co-chairing this year's celebration with the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women.

For more information, inquiries may be made through Telephone No. 735-18-64.


CORAZON ALMA G. DE LEON
Chairman

29 January 1998
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