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NATIONAL AWARENESS WEEK FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

To:

Bureau Directors

Regional Directors

Schools Division/City Superintendents

Private Secondary School Principals

- 1. Proclamation No. 731, declares the second week of February of every year as "National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation". In this connection, the Council for the Welfare of Children observes the proclamation with different co-curricular and exta-curricular activities in the school level.
- 2. This year's theme "ATING MGA ANAK MAHALIN, ABUSONG SEKSWAL SUGPUIN" emphasizes the role of the family in curbing the problem of sexual abuse and exploitation. It is also in support to the celebration of the International Year of the Family.
- 3. All elementary and high school institutions, both public and private, are enjoined to carry out activities integrated in related subject areas during the regular classroom discussions in which students could actively participate, such as discussion of the occasion in the first few minutes of class, essay writing contests, etc. DepEd Order No. 20, s. 2002 should be enforced in the planning and implementation of activities.
- 4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS Secretary

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Reference: DedEd Memorandum No. 67, s. 2001

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