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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. **410**, s. 2008

2008 NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 829 dated November 8, 1991 (copy enclosed), the **2008 National Observance of Deaf Awareness Week** will be observed on November 9-15, 2008 with the theme "Ano DAW? Deaf Ako Walang Hadlang".

2. The observance aims to strengthen public awareness on deafness, its prevention and rehabilitation and ensure the integration of the hearing impaired in the mainstream of the society.

3. All public, private, special schools with programs for the deaf and SPED Centers are encouraged to undertake any of the following activities provided that the Engaged Time-on-Task policy of the Department shall be observed as stipulated in DepED Order No. 9, s. 2005:

- a. hanging of streamers;
- b. academic competitions;
- c. arts and crafts competitions;
- d. visual and performing arts competitions;
- e. sports competitions with hearing students;
- f. open house;
- g. leadership training;
- h. free hearing screening and sign language;
- i. parent symposia on the early detection, intervention and education of the deaf;
- j. tree planting; and
- k. week-long exhibit of educational services offered to the deaf.

4. For further queries, please contact the Bureau of Elementary Education, Special Education Division, 2/F Bonifacio Building, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at tel. nos. (02) 631-9993 or (02) 632-1361-70 local 2054 or e-mail address: beedep@pldtdsl.net.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
of the Philippines
Malabon

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 829

**DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 10 – 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS
"DEAF AWARENESS WEEK"**

WHEREAS, the deaf, a vital segment of our society, can be transformed into a significant force in the efforts for national development; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the foregoing, there is need to focus public awareness on deafness, its prevention and rehabilitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare NOVEMBER 10 to 16 of every year as "Deafness Awareness Week" under the auspices of the Philippine Institute for the Deaf and the Philippine School for the Deaf and other concerned organizations.

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 8th day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety one.

By the President:

[Signature]
CORAZON C. AQUINO

[Signature]
VICENTE B. SORIANO



Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: No. 357, s. 2007

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