



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF PAMPANGA

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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2024 SDO PAMPANGA NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION

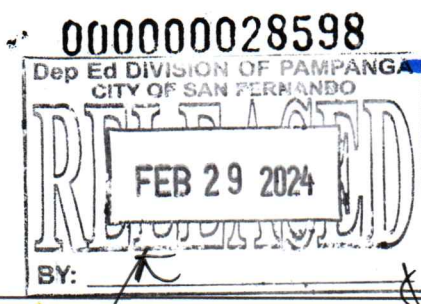
To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Private & Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) has its roots in the recognition of International Women's Day (IWD) on March 8th, a historical event stemming from the organizing efforts of women in the early 20th Century. In the Philippines, the NWMC has become a platform to spotlight women's accomplishments and address ongoing and emerging issues related to women's empowerment and gender equality. The focus is on concrete activities aligned with national and international agreements, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Beijing Platform for Action, the Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development (1995-2025), the Framework Plan for Women, and the Sustainable Development Goals.
2. The 2024 NWMC aims to capitalize on the recurring theme "WE for gender equality and inclusive society," introduced in 2023. This theme, launched to renew commitment to the advocacy, builds upon the accomplishments under the 2016-2022 theme, "WE Make CHANGE Work for Women." The earlier theme stressed the importance of compassionate and harmonized networks towards gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE).
3. The focus of this year's celebration is **"Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas: Kakayahan ng Kababaihan Patutunayan."**
4. As one with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), this Office urges all schools, both public and private, to take photos and post various initiatives/activities during the aforesaid month-long celebration using the hashtags *#WEforGenderEquality* and *#WEforInclusiveSociety*. The 2024 NWMC webpage is now live! Go to this link <https://pcw.gov.ph/2024-national-womens-month-celebration/> to explore the webpage and know more about:
 - Background of the NWMC
 - Legal Bases
 - 2023-2028 NWMC theme
 - Focus for the 2024 National Women's Month Celebration
 - NWMC Objectives



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- PCW-led activities
 - Recommended activities for stakeholders
5. The passage of the following laws serves as the legal bases for the celebration of National Women's Month:
- 5.1 *Proclamation No. 224 s. 1988*, "Declaring the First Week of March of Every Year as Women's Week and March 8, 1988, and Every Year Thereafter as Women's Rights and International Peace Day." Signed by former President Corazon C. Aquino on March 1, 1988, it affirmed our solidarity with the United Nations and recognized Filipino women's contribution to the struggle for national independence, civil liberties, equality, and human rights.
- 5.2 *Proclamation No. 227 s. 1988*, "Providing for the observance of the Month of March as 'Women's Role in History Month'" Signed by President Aquino on March 17, 1988, reinforced the earlier proclamation by emphasizing the role of Filipino women in the social, cultural, economic and political development throughout our history. It provided for a month-long nationwide observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities to be spearheaded by the Commission.
- 5.3 *R.A. 6949 s. 1990*, "An Act to Declare March Eight of Every Year as a Working Special Holiday to be Known as National Women's Day" was signed by President Aquino on April 10, 1990. The law further strengthened the impetus for the celebration by declaring every March 8 as a special working holiday and enjoining employees from the government and private sector to participate in activities conducted by their offices.
6. Relative to the conduct of the above activity, all schools are requested to upload their Activity Completion Report (ACR) through this link: <https://bit.ly/2024NWMCAccomplishmentReport>. Attached is the template for ACR for ready reference.
7. For more information, all concerned may contact the SGOD-HRDS or Mr. Jayson M. Santos, SEPS-HRD/Division GAD Focal Person, at email address: jayson.santos001@deped.gov.ph, DepEd Schools Division of Pampanga, High School Boulevard, Barangay Lourdes, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.



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ACTIVITY COMPLETION REPORT

TITLE:
BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:
OBJECTIVE/S:
PARTICIPANTS:
KEY CONTENTS:
DATE AND VENUE/MODALITY:
EXPECTED OUTPUT:
MANAGEMENT TEAM:
BUDGETARY OUTLAY:

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISOR



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Note: Kindly put captions on your photos.