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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, BUREAU AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

SUBJECT : ATTENDANCE OF WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT IN THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY REGIONAL CELEBRATION DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1997

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, 1988 providing for the yearly observance of the Month of March as Women's Role in History Month, the Civil Service Commission hereby authorizes the 1997 National Women's Day regional celebration with the theme, **"YES TO WOMEN'S HEALTH, NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"**, as follows:

Date	Region
March 8	Region 5 - Legaspi City
March 10	Region 3 - San Fernando, Pampanga CAR - Baguio
March 11	NCR and Region 4 - Ninoy Aquino Stadium Rizal Memorial Complex, Malate, Manila
March 12	Region 1 - San Fernando, La Union Region 2 - Tuguegarao
March 14	Region 6 - Iloilo City
March 15	CARAGA - Butuan City
March 17	Region 7 - Cebu
March 18	Region 8 - Tacloban
March 19	Region 9 - Zamboanga
March 20	Region 10 - Cagayan de Oro Region 11 - Davao City
March 21	Region 12 - Cotabato A R M M - Iligan City

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 27 of the General Appropriations Act, FY 1996.

This year's theme is focused on WOMEN'S HEALTH and how any form of violence against women affects her entire well-being. The objectives of the program are:

- 1) to increase public awareness on the programs that government has put in place to improve women's health;
- 2) to increase public awareness on the availability of services to victims of violence against women;
- 3) to strengthen and increase GO/NGO participation and cooperation nationwide.

All government agencies are enjoined to coordinate their activities relevant to Women's Day/Month with the regional office of the Department of Health who is spearheading this year's celebration with the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women.

For more information on the matter, inquiries may be made through telephone numbers 735-18-64 and 735-49-55.


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