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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

**TO :** ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs); GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS; AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs)

**SUBJECT :** 2012 National Women's Month Celebration

Presidential Proclamation No. 224 and 227, and Republic Act No. 6949 provide for the yearly observance of the month of March as *Women's Month*.

This year's theme is "*Women Weathering Climate Change: Governance and Accountability, Everyone's Responsibility*" in recognition of the role of women as powerful agents of change in relation to disaster risk reduction (DRR). The celebration shall focus on curbing the negative impacts of climate change and instituting measures at the national and local levels in order to reduce disaster risk and build resilient communities.

The specific objectives of the celebration are as follows:

- a. Raise awareness of national government agencies, local government units, civil society organizations and communities on gender-responsive disaster risk reduction (DRR) and management, gender and climate change issues (e.g., disaster preparedness and roles of government agencies, women's participation, use of incident Command System)
- b. Generate commitment of local government units (LGUs) for the preparation and implementation of their gender-responsive DRR and climate change adaptation plans; and
- c. Encourage women's participation in government programs geared towards disaster preparedness and building resilient communities using government's budget.

Expenses related to the Women's Month may be charged to the Gender and Development (GAD) Budget and other available funds of agencies.

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All government agencies are enjoined to participate in the Women's Day/Month Celebration and to submit list of Women's Month activities (with details, e.g., title of activity, brief description, date and venue) to the Philippine Commission on Women (through email: [irmd@pcw.gov.ph](mailto:irmd@pcw.gov.ph) and /or fax: 736-4449) on or before February 24, 2012.

  
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