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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief, CID & SGOD
Division Education Program Supervisors
Public School District Supervisors/District In-charge
School Heads, Public & Private Elementary and Secondary

SUBJECT : 2018 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION

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1. Per Memorandum Circular No. 2018-02: 2018 National Women's Month Celebration, the Philippine Commission on Women in coordination with national government agencies and local government units, spearheads the National Women's Month Celebration.
 2. The annual celebration is conducted to give due recognition to women's significant contributions in nation-building.
 3. The following issuances serve as legal bases for the annual activity:
 - **Proclamation No. 224 s. 1988** - Declaring the first week of March each year as Women's Week and March 8 as Women's Rights and International Peace Day;
 - **Proclamation No. 227 s. 1988** - Providing for the observance of the Month of March as Women's Role in History Month; and
 - **Republic Act (RA) 6949 s. 1990** - Declaring March 8 of every year as National Women's Day.
 4. The NWMC theme "We Make Change Work for Women", which shall be used from 2017-2022. It highlights the empowerment of women as active contributors to and claimholders of development. This pursuit of development is also anchored on the government's commitment of "malasakit, pagbabago, at patuloy na pag-unlad".
 5. Suggested activities include;
 - Hanging of 2018 NWMC official streamer in all government agencies and
 - Development, production and distribution of IEC materials for 2018 NWMC which include collaterals designed by PCW and agency-specific materials like flyers that feature agency services offered to their women clients.
 - Wearing Purple T-shirts/blouses/polo every Thursdays of March (March 1, 8, 15 and 22) in support of #PurpleThursdays. Agencies are encouraged to either suspend implementation of their respective uniform policy on the said dates, or wear purple accessories or accents like button pins, scarves, wristbands, or ribbons with their uniform for the day.
 6. The 2018 NWMC official streamer can be downloaded from www.pcw.gov.ph
 7. For your information, guidance and compliance.

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