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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 105

DIRECTING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF THE DISABLED PERSONS TO SPEARHEAD THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL DISABILITY PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION (NDPR) WEEK ON JULY 17-23, 2003

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 1870 was issued on June 22, 1979 declaring the third week of July as the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week to highlight the nation's efforts towards disability prevention and rehabilitation leading to the effective integration of persons with disabilities into the mainstream of society as mandated under RA 7277 otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons;"

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 361 dated August 19, 2000 amended Proclamation No. 1870 resetting the date of the annual observance of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 35 was issued on May 3, 2002 directing all departments, bureaus, government-owned and/or controlled corporations, government financial institutions, local government units, state universities/colleges, and schools and other government agencies/instrumentalities to promote and conduct relevant activities during the annual observance of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week;

WHEREAS, the National Commission Concerning Disabled Persons (NCCDP) was created by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1509 dated June 11, 1978 and became National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP) by virtue of Executive Order No. 232 dated July 22, 1987, is mandated to serve as the central authority of the government which will direct, coordinate and integrate planning and management as well as implementation of all activities, public and private, pertaining to the welfare of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons by virtue of Proclamation No. 240 is directed to rationalize all disability related efforts in the formulation of a Comprehensive National Plan of Action for the new Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2003-2012) which translates the objectives





of RA 7277, B.P. 344 and other disability-related laws and policies into concrete program of action for the Decade including the NDPR Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons shall spearhead the conduct of the silver anniversary celebration of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week.

- SEC. 2. The National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons is hereby empowered to call and coordinate with any agency and instrumentality of the government including government-owned and controlled corporations and to invite non-government organizations, private individuals for assistance that the NCWDP may need in the conduct of the activity.
- SEC. 3. The Department of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to release the amount of ONE MILLION PESOS (P 1,000,000,00) from the CY 2003 Contingent Fund to defray the expenses for the year 2003 activities in the celebration of the 25th silver anniversary celebration of the NDPR Week.

This Memorandum shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 25TH day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By the President:

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ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary

