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SCHOOL MEMORANDUM

No. 055, s. 2026

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2026 SCHOOL-BASED NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION (NWMC)

To: Chief, Functional Divisions
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Proclamation No. 224, s. 1988 (Declaring the First Week of March 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), Republic Act No. 6949 (Declaring March 8 as National Women's Day), and consistent with the Memorandum Circular No. 2026-02 issued by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), this Office announces the observance of the 2026 National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) from March 01-31, 2026 with the campaign banner: **"WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society"** and sub-theme: **"Lead like the Babaylans, Filipinas!"**

2. The 2026 celebration highlights women's leadership inspired by the Babaylans of pre-colonial Philippines-leaders grounded in wisdom, compassion, moral courage, and community-centered governance. This year's focus emphasizes that women's leadership fosters resilient, inclusive, and empowered communities. It affirms that gender equality is not merely a policy objective, but a cultural legacy embedded in Filipino identity.

3. Anchored on the recurring campaign banner **"WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society,"** the term "WE" represents both **Women and Everyone**, underscoring that advancing gender equality is a shared responsibility. The 2026 NWMC aims to:

- Showcase women's leadership and contributions across sectors;
- Promote gender-responsive policies and programs ensuring equitable access to opportunities and decision-making spaces;
- Empower marginalized and underrepresented women, including rural women, indigenous women, and women with disabilities; and
- Strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration and accountability to achieve visible and sustainable outcomes for women.

4. In line with the 2026 NWMC Activities Led by PCW, the 2026 BHSA NWMC Kickoff Ceremony will be held on **March 6, 2026**, at Bataan High School for the Arts. All personnel are encouraged to **wear purple every Wednesday** in March, light offices/landmarks in purple, and use the hashtags for postings: **#WEcanbeEquALL**, **#PurpleWednesdays**, **#PurpleYourIcon**, **#PurpleYourProfile**, **#GADtoKnow**, **#SheSays**, and **#LeadliketheBabaylansFilipinas**.



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5. In addition, the use of NWMC National Anthem and GAD Advocacy Prayer videos is recommended for use during Flag Ceremony/Opening Program of Activities in March which can be downloaded at:

National Anthem: <https://tinyurl.com/GADNationalAnthem>
GAD Advocacy Prayer: <https://tinyurl.com/GADAdvocacyPrayer>

6. For any clarifications and inquiries, visit Jomar D. Dela Cruz, GAD Focal Person/Administrative Officer IV or email at jomar.delacruz003@deped.gov.ph cc: hr1.bhsa@deped.gov.ph.

7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.


02/26/20
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Director III
School Director

Encl.: Program for Kick-Off Ceremony
References: Presidential Proclamation No. 227, s. 1988
Proclamation No. 227, s. 1988
Republic Act No. 6949 s. 1990
Memorandum Circular No. 2026-02

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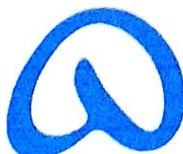
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**PROGRAM FOR KICK-OFF CEREMONY
 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION**

March 6, 2026
 BHTA Congregation Hall

Time	Program	In-Charge
8:00 am	Opening Program All Women Cast Lupang Hinirang GAD Advocate Prayer	
8:05 am	Harmony Roll Call: Voice for Equality	SSLG Officers
8:10 am	Where Art Meets Advocacy (Opening Remarks) Her Art. Her Power. Our Institution. (Message)	Alvin P. Hulipas, EdD CAO, Administrative Division Mia Ariana P. Tanciongco, PhD Director III, School Director
8:25 am	She: Sculptured by Struggle, Defined by Power	BHTA Young Artists
8:45 am	Photo Opportunity	BHTA Community
LOURRIE MEY F. LIBO-ON / JESSA M. ALBARDA <i>Masters of Ceremony – Voices of Empowerment</i>		

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