



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF OZAMIZ CITY

January 25, 2023

DIVISIONAL MEMORANDUM
 No. 029, s. 2023

OBSERVANCE OF THE 19TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 Chief Education Supervisors (SGOD and CID)
 Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
 School Health Section Personnel
 All others concerned
 This Division

1. Pursuant to **Presidential Proclamation No. 559**, dated February 24, 2004 declaring the month of February of every year as National Dental Health Month, and to **Regional Memorandum No. 37, s. 2023** titled Celebration of 19th National Dental Health Month, this Office informs the field of its observance this February 2023 with the theme, "Ngiping Protektado, Ngiping Panalo".

2. The 19th NDHM aims to raise dental health consciousness in schools and communities, to promote oral health, spread awareness of its effects on general health and well-being, and prevent & reduce related problems.

3. Schools are enjoined to observe the month-long celebration through the following suggested activities:

WEEK	ACTIVITIES
First Week	Promotion of oral health for learners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral health campaign through contests • Toothbrushing and handwashing drills • Distribution of oral health advocacy materials • Distribution of toothbrushing/hygiene kits to learners
Second Week	Oral Health Education for the school community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom activities via lectures, games, homework, etc • Social media campaign • Printing and posting of IEC materials in visible and prominent areas of the classrooms and school premises • School community oral health awareness through orientations, lectures, and activities involving



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	parents, teaching and non-teaching personnel (ie having school dentists or members of the local dental chapter as resource speakers)
Third Week	Provision of dental services through Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd/School Dental Health Care Program in partnership with LGUs, stakeholders, and other partners
Fourth Week	Activities to establish and strengthen linkages for promotion of oral health through stakeholders' involvement

- IEC materials which have been curated by our Division Dentists may be accessed through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/19thNDHMOzamiz>
- The field shall ensure that the conduct of activities follow recommended health & safety protocols, and shall not entail interruption of classes.
- The schools shall submit consolidated narrative and pictorial reports of their 19th NDHM activities on or before March 8, 2023. Reports may either be hard copies and handed to the Dental Services Section of the SGOD, or soft copies via e-mail through crnestojr.anteola@gmail.com.
- Please coordinate with Dr. Ernesto C. Anteola, Jr, Dentist II at (+63) 918-925-2836 or Dr. Cesar C. Bagaloyos, Dentist II at (+63)09172733943 for related concerns.
- Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: Presidential Proclamation 559, RM No. 37, s. 2023
Reference: Presidential Proclamation 559, RM No. 37, s. 2023
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES MFN 110 12204

PROCLAMATION NO. 559

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL
DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 235, dated January 24, 1951, declared the period from February 3 to 9 of every year as National Dental Health Week;

WHEREAS, its major objective is to arouse dental health consciousness among the people;

WHEREAS, the dental profession plays a vital role in the maintenance of a healthy citizenry and the Philippine Dental Association since then has lived up with its share to propagate the value of oral/dental health to the people during the traditional week-long celebration;

WHEREAS, a DOH survey released in 1998 revealed that 96 out of one hundred Filipinos are afflicted by dental caries making tooth decay probably the most prominent disease affecting Filipinos;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the week-long celebration should be extended to one (1) month to make it more significant to reach out more people especially in the countryside and make them more conscious about the value of good oral/dental health.

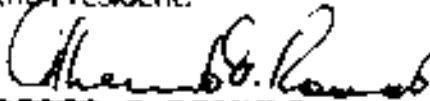
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of February of every year as **National Dental Health Month**.

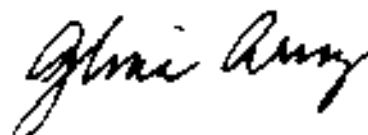
This supersedes Proclamation No. 236, series of 1951.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

By the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary







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 REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
 No. 39, s. 2023

January 29, 2023

CELEBRATION OF THE 19TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 Chiefs, School Governance and Operations Divisions
 Division/School Dentists
 School Health Personnel
 All others concerned

1. Following **Presidential Proclamation No. 559** dated February 24, 2009, Declaring the month of February of every year as National Dental Health Month, the Department of Education (DepEd) will conduct several activities to celebrate the **19th National Dental Health Month** with the theme "Ngiping Protektado, Ngiting Parado" from January 30 to February 28.

2. The celebration aims to increase oral health literacy among the public and recognize World Oral Health Day campaigns to unite and help reduce the burden of oral diseases, which affect individuals, health systems, and economies everywhere.

3. The following are the suggested activities:

WEEK	ACTIVITIES
First Week	School Children Oral Health Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral health campaigns through various context School event / Parada Distribution of oral health campaign materials.
Second Week	Oral Health Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom activities (lectures / oral health education) Social media campaign School community oral health awareness through orientation, lectures and activities involving parents, teaching and non-teaching staff.
Third Week	Delivery of Dental Health Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide dental services through the Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd partnership with LGUs, stakeholders and partners.
Fourth Week	Establish and strengthen linkages for promotion of Oral Health through stakeholders' involvement.

4. The Schools Division Offices (SDOs) shall submit a consolidated narrative and pictorial report based on the weekly activities through e-mail at hnu.regionx@deped.gov.ph on or before March 10.



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5. Please coordinate with Dr. Rey Ignacio B. Cagang, regional supervising dentist, Health and Nutrition Section – Education Support Services Division (HNS-ESSD) at 0956-608-0056, for any related concerns.
6. This Office directs the immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum.

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Regional Director

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Assistant Regional Director
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Office of the Regional Director

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