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FOR : HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS, AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

SUBJECT : 2020 World Autism Awareness Day

Pursuant to the United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/139, dated 21 January 2008, the **World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD)** will be observed worldwide on April 2, 2020. This event aims to bring the world's consciousness to autism, a global health crisis.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. It is characterized by some degree of impaired social behavior, communication and language, and a narrow range of interests and activities that are both unique to the individual and carried out repetitively.

The event would be highlighted through the holding of Light-It-Up Blue (LIUB) ceremony nationwide. To promote public awareness in the observance of the event, all government agencies are enjoined to undertake the following activities:

- Simultaneous lighting-up in blue of any edifices, landmarks and other related structures on April 2 at exactly 6:00pm;
- Hanging of 2020 WAAD official streamer in conspicuous areas within the office premises (streamer design template can be downloaded at the NCDA website, www.ncda.gov.ph); and,
- Initiate/conduct fitting activities for the celebration.

For more information, agencies may coordinate with **Mr. Rizalio R. Sanchez** and/or **Mr. Jayme J. Mariño**, National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), at telephone numbers 8951-5013 and 8932-6422 local 111.


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