

**Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
Malacañang**

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 41**

**DIRECTING ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND  
INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND ENCOURAGING ALL LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT UNITS, TO SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF  
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 23 Article II of the Constitution declares it a policy of the State to encourage non-governmental, community-based, or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation;

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 316 (s. 1994) declared the first week of January and January 6<sup>th</sup> of every year as Community Development Week and Community Development Day, respectively, in order to uphold and instill in the consciousness of Filipinos the *Bayanihan* Spirit and the value of community cooperation, as well as to recognize the invaluable contributions and concerted efforts of both government and non-government organizations in the development of local communities, people empowerment and community mobilization;

**WHEREAS**, under Proclamation No. 316, the Department of the Interior and Local Government is designated as the lead agency in the annual celebration of the Community Development Week and Community Development Day, in coordination with non-government and people's organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all executive departments, bureaus, and offices;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the following are hereby ordered:

The Department of the Interior and Local Government, in partnership with non-government and people's organizations, shall spearhead the conduct of activities and programs during the annual celebration of the Community Development Week and Community Development Day.


All national government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, and state universities and colleges, are hereby directed, and all local government units are encouraged, to extend full support for, and cooperation in, the conduct of relevant

activities and programs during the annual celebration of the Community Development Week and Community Development Day.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

By authority of the President:

  
**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**  
Executive Secretary

