



January 24, 2018

Division Memorandum
No. 49, s. 2018

14th NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

**To: Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals/Head Teacher In-Charge of the District
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
School Health and Nutrition Personnel**

1. The Department of Education, Division of Aklan will celebrate the 14th National Dental Health Month this February 2018 with the theme "*Ngiping Inaruga mula Pagkabata, Malusog na Ngiti baon sa Pagtanda*" in consonance with Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004.
2. The month-long celebration aims to create awareness on the primary role of the schools in the government's effort to promote oral health on its direct link to the general health and well-being towards improving learning outcomes and reducing absenteeism.
3. The information of the celebration must be posted at the bulletin board of the school. All classroom teachers must integrate the importance of Oral Health Care in MAPEH and Values Education among pupils and students to develop knowledge and behavior of children, empower them to take control of their own oral health, and provide skills which they can carry through adolescence and adulthood.
4. All school health and nutrition personnel, especially the school dentists, are expected to take the lead in the conduct of the aforesaid activities. Reports on accomplishments must be submitted by each district to the DepED, School Health and Nutrition Office, Division of Aklan not later than March 12, 2018.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is strongly desired.

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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: As stated
Reference: Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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 Republic 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.

(Sgd.) **GLORIA M. ARROYO**