



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Division of City Schools – Tagbilaran City

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 057 s. 2021

February 10, 2021

17th National Dental Health Month Celebration

To : Public Elementary School Heads
Public Secondary School Heads
All Other Concerned

1. February is National Dental Health Month Celebration with this year's theme , " Paigtingin Oral Health for Juan at Juana sa Gitna ng Pandemya ". This annual observance is celebrated pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559. In participation to this month-long celebration, the Department of Education Tagbilaran City Division aims to promote Oral Health Awareness to learners through home-based activities.
2. The following home-based activities are suggested. The learners will perform Handwashing Drills before performing Toothbrushing Drills at home. Any household member takes documentation by taking photos of the drill.
3. The taken photos will be sent online to their adviser. The adviser indicates the number of learners who performed the drill with their corresponding grade level.
4. Please submit online for consolidation to the nurse in charge in your school and Division Dentist-in-Charge on or before March 2, 2021 for division consolidation.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Proclamation No. 559, s. 2004

Signed on February 24, 2004 (<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2004/02/24/proclamation-no-559-s-2004/>)

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MANILA**

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**

By the President:

(SGD.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary

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