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**Department of Education**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Regional Secretary, ARMM  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The **School Year (SY) 2018-2019** shall formally open on **Monday, June 4, 2018** and shall end on **Friday, April 5, 2019**. It shall consist of **208 school days** inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training and the three days for the Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC) conducted within the school year. However, learners are expected to be in school for a total of **200 class days** as shown in Enclosure No. 2.
2. Private schools may deviate from this School Calendar. However, they may not start classes earlier than the first Monday of June and not later than the last day of August, as provided in Republic Act (RA) No. 7797, entitled An Act to Lengthen the School Calendar from Two Hundred (200) Days to Not More than Two Hundred Twenty (220) Class Days. Said schools should notify in advance their respective regional offices (ROs) regarding any deviation from the school calendar.
3. The Implementing Guidelines on the **SY 2018-2019 Calendar of Activities** are provided in Enclosure No. 1 to enable the schools to effectively and efficiently implement the school events and activities. Likewise, the guidelines shall allow the ROs and the schools division offices to provide support to schools, particularly in the areas of instruction, and progress monitoring and evaluation.
4. Schools may observe national and local celebrations/activities and holidays other than those indicated in Enclosure Nos. 2 and 3, provided that the activities are beneficial to the teaching-learning process, and that the total number of class days shall not be compromised.
5. Make-up classes are recommended in lieu of class cancellations due to celebrations and holidays, as well as natural and man-made calamities. Mechanism for the conduct of make-up classes must be agreed upon by school heads and the Parent-Teacher Associations. In this regard, the ROs may issue a regional school calendar to announce and reflect their concerned events.

6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

  
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Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Order No. 25, s. 2017

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

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(Enclosure No. 1 to DepEd Order No. 025s. 2018)

**IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR  
FOR SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2018-2019**

1. The school year (SY) shall formally open on **Monday, June 4, 2018** and shall end on **Friday, April 5, 2019**. It shall consist of **208 school days** inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training and three days of Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC).
2. Learners are expected to be in school for a total of **200 class days** for this SY. To ensure quality in the school operation and actual teaching learning, the 187-day contact time for teachers and learners is non-negotiable. The physical presence of school heads in schools shall also be enforced.
3. Local activities and observances that involve student participation, such as competitions, festivities, press conferences, culminating activities, and field demonstrations **must be regulated** so as not to cause disruption of classes and to ensure that the required contact time or number of teaching-learning days is met. Regions, Divisions and Schools are encouraged to plan and implement these activities once in a school year or after each quarter. There shall be no co-curricular and extra-curricular activities two weeks before the quarterly examinations.
4. A general assembly shall be conducted by all schools to orient stakeholders on the curriculum, co-curricular programs and ancillary services to support learner development and the continuous improvement of school outcomes. The assembly shall be done at least a week before the school opening to ensure that the conduct of classes is done on the formal opening of classes on June 4.
5. Parent-teacher conferences shall be done to apprise the parents on the performance of their children and ensure their involvement in school activities. These conferences shall be conducted back-to-back with the General Assembly and every second Saturday after the Quarterly Examinations except on the last conference in April 2019.
6. All elementary schools shall administer the Philippine Early Childhood Development (ECD) Checklist for Kindergarten Children during the opening of classes, midyear, and end of school year. The result will be used as basis for planning and formulating appropriate interventions for children.
7. Deworming of children in school shall be conducted within the months of July 2018 and January 2019.
8. A career guidance program shall be conducted between July and November 2018 to guide Grades 9 and 10 students in making informed choices on their preferred Senior High School track.
9. At the end of the Second Quarter, a semestral break for learners shall be observed to evaluate individual teachers and their collective performance, to conduct the In-Service Training (INSET) activities, and to prepare their Instructional Materials (IMs) for their continuing professional development.



10. The Christmas break shall begin on Saturday, **December 22, 2018**. Classes shall resume on Wednesday, **January 2, 2019**.

11. To assure quality of learning, formative assessments shall be regularly conducted by the teachers. On the national level, the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA) shall administer the National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) to assess the aptitude and interest of students and provide them with relevant information on their skills, abilities, and readiness for academic and non-academic courses, the Early Language Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA) to measure the literacy skills of the learners in their respective Mother Tongues, Filipino and English and the National Achievement Test (NAT) to measure what learners in Grade 6 and Grade 10 know and can do in five learning areas.

The summer/remedial classes shall begin on Monday, **April 15, 2019** and end on Friday, **May 24, 2019**.

12. Learner deliberation may be conducted two weeks before the graduation or moving up ceremonies for the following:

- a. Learners who will receive recognition and awards; and
- b. Learners who are candidates for graduation. They shall accomplish their clearance on the week prior to date of graduation.

13. In preparation for the opening of classes for SY 2019-2020, the schools shall conduct the following activities:

- a. Early Registration of learners, beginning on Saturday, **January 26, 2019** in the schools where they wish to study;
- b. Brigada Eskwela from **May 13 to 17, 2019** to enable the community and the school to prepare their facilities before the start of another school year;
- c. Oplan Balik Eskwela from **May 20 to May 31, 2019** to facilitate the enrolment of learners; and
- d. In-Service Training (INSET) activities for teachers from **May 27 to May 31, 2019**, a week before the opening of classes.

14. In Enclosure No. 2, a calendar is presented with specific markings:

- a. Declared holidays and weekdays with no classes are crossed out (X).
- b. Days with school activities for teachers, personnel and other stakeholders (e.g. PTC, general assemblies, PEPT for out-of-school learners) are boxed (□).
- c. Days with student activities or activities that involve student participation (e.g. NFOT, NSPC, deworming of school children) are encircled (○). These activities are conducted on class days and may or may not disrupt classes. If the date for a student activity in a specific month is still tentative, the last school day may be temporarily marked as alternate day for said activity.
- d. School activities conducted for several weeks (i.e. Early Registration) are no longer reflected in the actual calendar.



(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Order No. 025 s. 2018)

**School Calendar  
for School Year (SY) 2018-2019**

Month	Activity	No. of School Days
<b>May 2018</b>		
May 21–June 8	• Oplan Balik Eskwela	
May 21–June 2	• Brigada Eskwela	
<b>June 2018</b>		
2	• 1st General Assembly and Parent-Teacher Conference (Sat.)	<b>First Quarter: 48 days</b>
4	• Beginning of classes	
12	• Independence Day (regular holiday)	
15	• Eid'l Fitr (regular holiday)	
Tentative	• Early Language Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA)	
Tentative	• Special Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT for Independence Day)	
<b>July 2018</b>		
2–31	Deworming of School Children	
<b>August 2018</b>		
9–10	• First Quarter Examinations	<b>2nd Quarter: 48 days</b>
18	• Distribution of Report Cards and 2nd Parent-Teacher Conference	
21	• Ninoy Aquino Day (special non-working holiday)	
22	• Eid'l Adha (regular holiday)	
27	• National Heroes Day (regular holiday)	
Tentative	• National Career Assessment Examination for Grade 9	
<b>September 2018</b>		
<b>October 2018</b>		
5	• World Teachers' Day	<b>3rd Quarter: 52 days</b>
18–19	• Second Quarter Examinations	
22	• Start of Sembreak	
22–26	• In-Service Training for Teachers	
27	• Distribution of Report Cards and 3rd Parent-Teacher Conference	
29	• Resumption of Classes	
Tentative	• Accreditation and Equivalency Test (A&E)	

**JUNE 2018**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	X	13	14	X	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Class days: 18  
Class Days with Student Activities: 1

**JULY 2018**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Class days: 22  
Class Days with Student Activities: 0

**AUGUST 2018**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	X	X	23	24	25
26	X	28	29	30	31	

Class days: 20  
Class Days with Student Activities: 1

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Class days: 20  
Class Days with Student Activities: 0

**OCTOBER 2018**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Class days: 18  
Class Days with Student Activities: 1

- Legend:**
- X - Declared Holidays/ No Classes
  - - Student Activities/ Activities that involve learners
  - - School activities for teachers, personnel, other stakeholders
  - - Number of days/dates may vary



Month	Activity	No. of School Days	
<b>November 2018</b>			
1	• All Saints Day (special non-working holiday)		
2	• All Souls Day (special non-working holiday)		
Tentative	• Administration of PEPT (regular)		
Tentative	• Basic Education Exit Assessment for Grade 12		
30	• Bonifacio Day (regular holiday)		
<b>December 2018</b>			
15	• Class Day		
22	• Start of Christmas Break		
30	• Rizal Day (regular holiday)		
Tentative	• National Musabaqah		
<b>January 2019</b>			
Entire Month	• Deworming of school children	<b>4th Quarter: 60 days</b>	
2	• Resumption of classes		
10-11	• Third Quarter Examinations		
19	• Distribution of Cards (Parent – Teacher) Conference		
Jan. 26 – Feb. 27	• Early Registration for Kindergarten to Grade 12		
Jan. 28 – Feb. 1	• National School Press Conference (NSPC) • National Festival of Talents (NFOT)		
<b>February 2019</b>			
4-15	• Supreme-Pupil Government/Supreme – Student Government Election (First to Second Week)		
5	• Chinese Lunar New Year's Day (Special non-working holiday)		
<b>March 2019</b>			
14-15	• Fourth Quarter Examinations for Grades 6 and 12		
21-22	• Fourth Quarter for Grades 1-5 & 7-11		
Tentative	• National Achievement Test (NAT) for Grade 6 and 10		
<b>April 2019</b>			
1-5	• End of School Year Rites		
5	• Last Day of Classes for SY 2018-2019		

**NOVEMBER 2018**

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	×	

Class days: 19  
Class Days with Student Activities: 0

**DECEMBER 2018**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	×	×	×	×	×	29
×	×					

Class days: 16  
Class Days with Student Activities: 1

**JANUARY 2019**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
		×	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Class days: 22  
Class Days with Student Activities: 1

**FEBRUARY 2019**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	×	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Class days: 19  
Class Days with Student Activities: 0

**Legend:**

- × - Declared Holidays/ No Classes
- - Student Activities/ Activities that involve learners
- - School activities for teachers, personnel, other stakeholders
- - Number of days/dates may vary

9	• Araw ng Kagitingan (regular holiday)	
11-12	• Distribution of Report Cards and 5th Parent-Teacher Conference	
15	• Start of Summer Classes	
18-19	• Maundy Thursday and Good Friday	
Tentative	• Palarong Pambansa	
<b>May 2019</b>		
1	• Labor Day (regular holiday)	
Tentative	• Brigada Eskwela	
Tentative	• Oplan Balik Eskwela	
24	• End of Summer Classes	
<b>Total Number of School Days</b>		<b>208</b>
<b>Total Number of Class Days</b>		<b>200</b>

**MARCH 2019**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
Class days: 21						
Class Days with Student Activities: 0						

**APRIL 2019**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	X	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
Class days: 5						
Class Days with Student Activities: 0						

**MAY 2019**

S	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
			X	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Class days: 0						
Class Days with Student Activities: 0						

**Legend:**

- X - Declared Holidays/ No Classes
- - Student Activities/ Activities that involve learners
- - School activities for teachers, personnel, other stakeholders
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**Activities and Celebrations/Observances Mandated by Law**

Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Bases
<b>May</b>		
9	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Horacio Dela Costa	Administrative Order (AO) No. 23, 2011
10	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of Andres Bonifacio	
13	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini	
22	Commemoration of the Philippine-Australia Friendship Day	
26	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Felipe Agoncillo	
May 28-June 12	National Flag Day Celebration	Republic Act (RA) No. 8491 Presidential Proclamation (PP) No. 374, s. 1965 Executive Order (EO) No. 179, s. 1994
<b>June</b>		
1-30	Dengue Awareness Month National Kidney Month	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
5	World Environment Day	DM No. 14, s. 2014
13-17 Third Week of June	National Safe Kids Week	PP 1307, s. 2007
14	World Blood Donor Day	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
June 16-Dec. 31	Nationwide Search for the Outstanding W.A.T.C.H. (We Advocate Time Consciousness and Honesty) Schools	PP 1782, s. 2009
June 16-Dec. 31	Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan	PP 110, s. 1963 PP 28, s. 1962 DM 146 s. 2014
19	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal	AO 23, s. 2011
24	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Marcela Agoncillo	
25	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Galicano Apacible	AO 23, s. 2011 DM 146 s. 2014
26	International Day Against Drug Abuse	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
30	Commemoration of the Historic Siege of Baler and Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day	RA 9187 PP 1696, s. 2008
<b>July</b>		
1-31	National Disaster and Preparedness Month	DM 69, s. 2015 EO 137, s. 1999
	National Nutrition Month	PP 491, s. 1974 DM 62 s. 2015
4	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of Marcelo H. Del Pilar	AO 23, s. 2011



Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Bases
7-11	Science and Technology Week	DM 308, s. 2008
12	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Vicente Abad Santos	AO 23, s. 2011
17-23	National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week	PP 361, s. 2000 PP 1870, s. 1979
22	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Dela Cruz (Hermano Puli)	AO 23, s. 2011
23	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini	RA 9430 AO 33, s. 2012 DM 130, s. 2013 PP 361, s. 2000
23	Commemoration of the Philippine-Japan Friendship Day	AO 23, s. 2011
23-27	Career Guidance Week	DO 25, s. 2013
Last Week	Linggo ng Musikang Pilipino	PP 933, s. 2014
<b>August</b>		
1-31	Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa	Proklamasyon Blg. 1041, s. 1997 DM 24, s. 2016
	ASEAN Month	PP No. 282, s. 2017
	National Adolescent Immunization Month	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
	National Breastfeeding Awareness Month	
	National Tuberculosis Awareness Month	
Sight Saving Month	PP 40, s. 1954	
1	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon	AO 23, s. 2011
1	White Cane Safety Day	RA 6759 DM 77, s. 2015
7-13	ASEAN Week	PP 1008, s. 2007 DM 143, s. 2013
9	National Indigenous People's Day	RA 10689
12	International Youth Day	PP 229, s. 2002
19	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon	RA 6741 DM 127, s. 2013
30	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Marcelo H. Del Pilar	AO 23, s. 2011
30	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Battle of San Jose Del Monte	
31	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Ramon Magsaysay	
<b>September</b>		
1-30	National Peace Consciousness Month	PP 675, s. 2004
2-8	Literacy Week Celebration	PP 239, s. 1993
1-7	National Crime Prevention Week	PP 461, s. 1994 DM 158, s. 2013
September 5-- October 5	National Teacher's Month	PP 242, s. 2011 DM 99, s. 2015
Second Week	National Suicide Prevention Day	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)



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15	Commemoration of the Opening of Malolos Congress	PP 246, s. 2011
21	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law	AO 30, s. 2012 PP 1081, s. 1972
25-30	Linggo ng Kabataan	PP 99, s. 1992
26-30	Linggo ng Kasuotang Filipino	PP 675, s. 2005 DM 179, s. 2013
27	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Gen. Miguel Malvar	AO 23, s. 2011 DM 146, s. 2014
28	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Diosdado Macapagal	AO 23, s. 2011
Last Week of September	Family Week	PP 60, s. 1992
<b>October</b>		
1-31	Consumers Welfare Month	PP 1098, s. 1997 DM 111, s. 2015
	National Health Month	DM 174, s. 2012
	National Indigenous Peoples (IP) Month	PP 1906, s. 2009
	Scouting Month	
1-7	Elderly Filipino Week	PP 470, s. 1994
5	World Teacher's Day	RA 10743 DM 99, s. 2015 DM 32, s. 2016
6	Global Hand Washing Day	DM 119, s. 2015
17-20	Commemoration of the Leyte Gulf Landing	PP 653, s. 1995 AO 108, s. 1994
20	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Artemio Ricarte	AO 23, s. 2011
24	United Nation Day Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Juan Luna	
25	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Leon Apacible	
29	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Antonio Luna	
4th Week of October	Juvenile Justice and Welfare Consciousness Week	
<b>November</b>		
1-30	Filipino Values Month	PP 479, s. 1994
	Malaria Awareness Month	PP 1168, s. 2006
	National Children's Month	RA 10661 DM 63, s. 2015 DM 124, s. 2015
	National Environment Awareness Month	RA 9512 DM 14, s. 2014
	National Reading Month	DM 145, s. 2012
7-10	National Observance of Deaf Awareness Week	PP 829, s. 1991 DM 176, s. 2012
16	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Elpidio Quirino	PP 967, s. 2015



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25	National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC)	RA 10398
Nov. 25–Dec. 12	18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW)	
25	National Day for Youth in Climate Action	PP 1160, s. 2015
27	Araw ng Pagbasa	RA 10556
25–29 Fourth Week	National Week for the Gifted and Talented	PP 199, s. 1999
Last Week	National Music Week for Young Artists	PP 25, s. 1998 DM 20, s. 2014
<b>December</b>		
1–31	Firecrackers Injury Prevention Month	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
	Rizal Month	PP 126, s. 2001
1	World AIDS Day	DM 270, s. 2011
3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	PP 1157, s. 2006
4–10	National Human Rights Consciousness Week	RA 9201 DM 152, s. 2015
Second Sunday	National Children's Day of Broadcasting	RA 8296
7–12 (tentative)	Education Week Historical, Cultural and Arts Festival of Excellence	PP 2399, s. 1985 PP 126, s. 2001
<b>January</b>		
	Food Conservation Week	PP 1398, s. 1975
1–31	Physical Fitness and Sports Development Month Zero Waste Month	EO 63, s. 1993 Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
18–24	National Cancer Consciousness Week	PP 1348, s. 1975
20–27	National Autism Consciousness Week	PP 711, s. 1996 DM 5, s. 2016
23	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Inauguration of the First Philippine Republic	PP 533, s. 2013 PP 523, s. 2012
<b>February</b>		
1–28	National Arts Month	PP 683, s. 1991 DM 25, s. 2016
	National Dental Health Month	PP 559, s. 2004 DM 7, s. 2013
	National Heart Month	PP 1096, s. 1973
4	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of Baldomero Aguinaldo	AO 23, s. 2011
6	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo	
7	Adoption Consciousness Celebration	PP 72, s. 1999
12–18	Leprosy Control Week	PP 467, s. 1965
13–17	National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation	PP 731, s. 1996 DM 5, s. 2015
14–20	National Children with Intellectual Disabilities Week	PP 1385, s. 1975
17	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of GOMBURZA	PP 204, s. 2002



Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Bases
22-25	EDSA People Power Anniversary	AO 47, s. 2002 PP 1224, s. 2007 PP 1105, s. 2015
26	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Baldomero Aguinaldo	AO 23, s. 2011
29	Reinterment of Remains of Elpidio Quirino	
March		
1-31	Fire Prevention Month	PP 115-A, s. 1966 RA 6949
	National Women's Month	PP 224, s. 1988 PP 227, s. 1988 DM 28, s. 2014
7	Girl Child Week	PP 759, s. 1996 DM 110, s. 1999
9	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Paciano Rizal	PP 1737, s. 2009
17	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of President Ramon Magsaysay	AO 23, s. 2011
22	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo	
(tentative)	Global Money Week	DM 91, s. 2015
April		
2	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Francisco 'Balagtas' Baltazar	PP 964, s. 1997 DM 13, s. 2014
5-11	Commemoration of the Philippine Veterans Week	RA 3022
9	Commemoration of Araw ng Kagitingan	
10	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Gen. Isidoro Torres	AO 23, s. 2011

**Note: Other observances may be included pursuant to prevailing and succeeding issuances.**