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Statistics and Actions: A Road to a Better Life thru the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): A National Statistics Month (NSM) Celebration

Presidential Proclamation No. 647, series 1990, declared the month of October of every year as the **National Statistics Month (NSM)** under the auspices of the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB). The National Statistics Month celebration, as cited in the premises of the said proclamation, is a step towards promoting, enhancing and instilling nation-wide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value that statistics provide to the different sectors of our society, while at the same time insuring the support of the public at large in improving and enhancing the quality and standard of statistics in the country, giving statistics the official recognition it rightfully deserves as it play a pivotal and crucial role in policy formulation, planning and decision making in both the government and the private sectors.

In pursuant to the above cited proclamation, Northern Mindanao will once again celebrate the National Statistics Month on its 18th year. This years celebration, with the theme "**Statistics and Actions: A Road to a Better Life Thru the MDGs**" highlights the importance of the United Nations declaration on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), namely, (1) eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, (2) achieving universal primary education, (3) promoting gender equality, (4) reducing child mortality, (5) improving maternal health, (6) combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, (7) ensuring environmental sustainability, and (8) developing a global partnership for development.

In advocacy of the said theme, the Northern Mindanao **Regional Statistical Coordination Committee (RSCC-10)** will be conducting various statistics-related activities. Among others, media guestings will be conducted highlighting statistics in education, health and poverty in the region to be hosted by the **Department of Education (DEPED)**, **Department of Health (DOH)** and the **National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB)**, respectively. Moreover, the **National Statistics Office (NSO)** will be conducting a series of stat-quizzes on air. Furthermore, the opening ceremonies, to be hosted by the **National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)**, Chairperson of RSCC-10, will showcase a forum on the progress reports of the region's commitment to fulfilling the MDGs.

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