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## FREE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS IN CIVIL REGISTRATION MONTH

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The month of February is designated as “Civil Registration Month”; pursuant to Proclamation No. 682, signed January 28, 1991.

This nationwide month long celebration is observed every year in order to enhance awareness about civil registration and its importance and how it affects each and everyone’s lives. It also reminds the citizenry that it is our duty to register vital events concerning the legal status of a person such as birth, death and marriage.

Philippine Civil Registration was formally established on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1931 through the enactment of Act No. 3753 also known as “An Act to Establish a Civil Register”. Said act required the continuous and compulsory recording of all vital events concerning the civil status of every Filipino. Hence, the month of February is designated as Civil Registration Month.

Scheduled activities to commemorate the occasion are; free issuance of documents, hanging of streamers, mobile registration and info dissemination. A mass wedding is scheduled on Valentine’s Day sponsored by the City Government of Tagbilaran.

For more info regarding activities for this celebration you may contact the Civil Registrar in your respective areas.

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