## PRESS RELEASE

## PSA Southern Leyte celebrates 2023 National Women's Month

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The Philippine Statistics Authority - Southern Leyte Provincial Statistical Office actively supports the nationwide 2023 National Women's Month Celebration with the theme: "WE for gender equality and inclusive society." Advocacy streamers were displayed in the façade of the Office, including in the Civil Registry System (CRS) Outlet and in the Fixed Registration Center (FRC), as an information drive to bring awareness to the public on the extraordinary



PSA personnel and the municipal civil registrars together with PMSG Leah T. Radores and PCPL Bavylyn A. Dongon



NWMC streamer displayed in front of the Office

roles and contributions of women in society. Moreover, PSA personnel were encouraged to observe the #PurpleWednesday, which is one of the suggested activities of the Philippine Commission on Women, to signify support for women's empowerment and gender equality.

In addition, on March 08, 2023, PSA Southern Leyte conducted a seminar

that discussed the salient points of Republic Act No. 11313 or The Safe Spaces Act (Bawal Bastos Law), and Republic Act No. 9262 or the Anti-Violence against Women and Their Children Act of 2004. It was attended by all PSA staff, including COSWs and OJTs, and the municipal civil registrars of Southern Leyte. The valuable resource speakers were from the

Philippine National Police – Maasin City Station; namely, PMSG Leah T. Radores and PCPL Bavylyn A. Dongon.

Presidential Proclamation No. 224 Series of 1988 declares the first week of March each year as Women's Week and March 8 as Women's Rights and International Peace Day; Proclamation No. 227 Series of 1988 declares the observance of the



PCPL Bavylyn A. Dongon during her discussion on Anti-VAWC Law

Month of March as Women's Role in History Month; and Republic Act No. 6949 Series of 1990 declares March 8 of every year as National Women's Day. These three issuances serve as the legal bases for the annual celebration of National Women's Month in the country.

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