[CSC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 14, S. 2001, May 31, 2002]

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE FOR ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE WORKPLACE

The Civil Service Commission, in Memorandum Circular No. 20, s. 1997 and resolution No. 973461, enjoined all Filipino women in ail government agencies to wear Filipina dress at least once a week until December 31, 1998 in line with the centennial celebration of the Philippine Independence. Also, the CSC promulgated and prescribed a revised dress code for all government officials and employees in connection with the centennial celebration of the Philippine Civil Service by virtue of CSC Memorandum Circular No. 19, s. 2000 and Resolution No. 002515. The same circular institutionalized the wearing of Filipiniana attire during Mondays.

While the Civil Service Commission (CSC) upholds the importance of instilling a sense of pride and identity among government officials and employees through the wearing of Filipiniana dress, it also recognizes the demands for practicality in the workforce, in community and such other considerations.

Hence, in response to the requests to lift the policy on wearing of Filipiniana attire, the Civil Service Commission hereby gives heads of agencies, in consultation with their employees, the discretion in determining the appropriate office attire for their officials and employees. As far as practicable, such attire should have a distinctly Filipino touch or motif on Mondays.

The Commission further enjoins all agency heads to strictly implement internal policies on proper dress code and encourage their officials to wear Filipiniana attire during special functions and occasions.

This Memorandum Circular supersedes CSC MC No. 19, s. 2000 and shall take effect immediately.

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