

MALACANANG  
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 15

DECLARING MARCH 17TH OF EACH YEAR AS "RAMON MAGSAYSAY MEMORIAL DAY."

WHEREAS, Ramon Magsaysay in his lifetime devoted himself unselfishly to improving the lot of the humble and the poor of his countrymen;

WHEREAS, Ramon Magsaysay has earned the gratitude of the Filipino people by bridging the centuries-old gap between the government and the people and making the concept of "government for the people" a working reality;

WHEREAS, Ramon Magsaysay has strengthened the cause of freedom and liberty, not only for the Filipino people but for the entire free world by his valiant and unrelenting crusade against the enemies of democracy; and

WHEREAS, March 17th will be remembered in history as the day when the Filipino nation and the entire free world lost one of her most beloved leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare March 17, 1966, and every March 17th hereafter as "Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Day." Its observance shall include the following commemorative features:

- (1) All Philippine flags here and abroad shall be flown at half-mast;
- (2) A 21-gun salute shall be fired at high noon in all Philippine military areas, after which the flags shall again be raised; and
- (3) All public schools and government offices throughout the country shall hold brief programs not to exceed 30 minutes, the main features of which are the reading of the Magsaysay Credo and a one-minute silent prayer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS  
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) RAFAEL M. SALAS  
Executive Secretary