

MALACAÑANG
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 243

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8, 1967, AS NATIONAL LITERACY DAY.

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines was a participant in the World Congress of Ministers of Education on the Eradication of Illiteracy, held in Teheran in September 1965, which resolved the declaration of an International Literacy Day to influence and stimulate public opinion on the eradication of illiteracy;

WHEREAS, illiteracy is not only "a curse that brings with its train bigotry and superstition, corruption, and anarchy," but a roadblock to socio-economic development;

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Philippines, which is 50% illiterate, sponsor a day during the year to draw attention on the need for the attainment of a high percentage of literacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare September 8, 1967, as National Literacy Day. I urge all governmental as well as non-governmental agencies, religious and civic organizations to support the occasion.

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

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

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

By the President:

(SGD.) RAFAEL M. SALAS
Executive Secretary