

MALACAÑANG
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION No. 207

AUTHORIZING THE ELKS CEREBRAL PALSY PROJ-
ECT, INC., TO CONDUCT A NATIONAL EDU-
CATIONAL AND FUND CAMPAIGN DURING
THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1 TO JUNE 30, 1964

WHEREAS, some 1,400 children are born yearly in the Philippines afflicted with cerebral palsy, a condition which impairs and causes complete loss of muscular control, rendering those afflicted unable to take care of themselves;

WHEREAS, cerebral-palsied children, given proper therapy and treatment, may be improved to such a degree as to relieve their parents and the community in general of the burden of attending to their needs, and may become valuable assets to the nation;

WHEREAS, there exists a dearth of authoritative knowledge and facilities concerning the nature and treatment of cerebral palsy; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore evident that there is an urgent need for an intensive and extensive two-pronged campaign to educate the people on various aspects of cerebral palsy with a view to minimizing, if not totally eliminating, its deleterious effects, and to raise funds for the operation and expansion of present facilities of the Elks Cerebral Palsy clinics and the purchase of adequate medicine and specialized equipment for the treatment of those afflicted with it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diosdado Macapagal, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby authorize the Elks Cerebral Palsy Project, Inc., to conduct a national educational and fund campaign during the period from May 1 to June 30, 1964. I call upon all citizens and residents of the Philippines, irrespective of race and creed, to support the humanitarian campaign by giving generously of their means to alleviate the miserable plight of these unfortunate individuals afflicted with cerebral palsy, I authorize government officials and employees, including school authorities and teachers, to accept, for the Elks Cerebral Palsy Project, Inc., fund-raising responsibilities and to give it active support and leadership in their respective communities.

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 21st day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

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DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL
President of the Philippines

By the President:

CALIXTO O. ZALDIVAR
Acting Executive Secretary