## MALACAÑANG MANILA

## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

## **PROCLAMATION NO. 757**

## DECLARING MARCH 11-18, 1996, AND IN EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, AS "GRANDPARENTS' WEEK"

WHEREAS, elderly people have, in Philippine society, occupied a revered stature as deserved by those who have contributed most in wisdom and affection to those who follow in their wake;

WHEREAS, this waning tradition of fostering love and care for the elderly as represented by our "lolos" and "lolas" needs to be preserved and inculcated in our youth and in the succeeding generations of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, reserving a special week each year to give cognizance to and honor the Filipino grandparent is one way of raising our peoples' level of awareness in the important role that our senior citizens play in society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the week March 11-18, 1996, and in every year thereafter, as "Grandparents' Week" under the auspices of the Philippine Cultural Revival Society (Mano Po Lolo/Lola Foundation), the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs, and the Federation of Senior Citizens of the Philippines.

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 6th day of March in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

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By the President:

RUBEN D. TORRES Executive Secretary

