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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1008

DECLARING AUGUST 7 TO 13 OF EVERY YEAR AS "ASEAN WEEK"

WHEREAS, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was founded on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand to promote the economic, social and cultural development of the region through cooperative programs, to safeguard the political and economic stability of the region and to serve as a forum for the resolution of intra-regional differences;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a founding member and has been one of the active members of the ASEAN since its establishment thirty years ago;

WHEREAS, ASEAN will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary on August 8th this year;

WHEREAS, the Philippines recognizes the need to further promote ASEAN awareness, and instill in the minds of the Filipino people the importance, value and meaning of ASEAN in achieving and maintaining regional peace and sustainable development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare August 7 to 13 of every year as "ASEAN WEEK".

All government agencies, specifically the Department of Foreign Affairs (lead agency), Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Tourism, Department of Trade and Industry and the Commission for Higher Education are enjoined to initiate and implement programs and activities to help generate awareness and public support in promoting the observance of ASEAN Week in the various offices, schools, universities, local government units and business establishments.

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 May in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

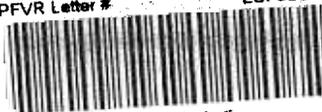


By the President.

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Executive Secretary

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