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## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 255

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 9 TO 15, 2000 AS NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK OF THE IMPERATIVE FOR PUNCTUALITY AND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS (LINGGO NG PAGPA-PAHALAGA SA ORAS AT SA KARAPATAN NG KAPWA)

WHEREAS, for the last four (4) years, the Organized Response for the Advancement of Society (ORAS movement), a non-governmental organization composed of leaders from the public and private sectors, has continually and effectively promoted a national campaign for the transformation of the habit of our people in respect to their time and the rights of others;

WHEREAS, punctuality and civility are two of the indispensable virtues that our citizenry must possess if we are to aspire for a peaceful, prosperous and orderly society;

WHEREAS, the ORAS movement has gained the support of the great majority of every community, the public and private sectors, service organizations and associations, and the media;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a new breed of Filipinos who make the most of their time and respect the equal rights of their fellowmen to their time and freedom, thus insuring a united society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from April 9 to 15, 2000 as the National Consciousness Week of the Imperative for Punctuality and Respect for the Rights of Others (Linggo ng Pagpapahalaga sa Oras at sa Karapatan ng Kapwa).

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 Tyday of Maww, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand.

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By the President:

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RONALDO B. ZAMORA Executive Secretary

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