

MALACAÑANG  
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION No. 16

DECLARING THE LAST WEEK OF MAY, 1954, AS  
SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the Philippines being essentially an agricultural country, the soil may well be regarded as the very foundation of the national economy; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that steps be taken to conserve the soil and thereby insure its productivity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the last week of May, 1954, as Soil Conservation Week and designate the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources to take charge of, and coordinate, all activities in celebration of said Week.

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 23rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the eighth.

[SEAL]

RAMON MAGSAYSAY  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

FRED RUIZ CASTRO  
*Executive Secretary*