

## MALACAÑANG

RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

## PROCLAMATION No. 8

## PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF PUBLIC CALAMITY IN THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO

Having found that the rat infestation in the Province of Cotabato has wrought havoc among the inhabitants thereof and has made unduly difficult their means of livelihood, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by section one of Act numbered four thousand one hundred sixty-four, entitled "An Act to prevent the excessive increase in the prices of certain prime necessities of life on the occasion of a public calamity, penalizing the violation thereof, and for other purposes," do hereby proclaim that a public calamity exists in the said Province of Cotabato as a result of said rat infestation and do hereby declare in full force and effect therein the provisions of Act numbered four thousand one hundred sixty-four which prohibits and penalizes the hoarding, of the prime necessities of life and holding them for sale at prices twenty-five per cent or more higher than the prices which were current in the different localities one month before the date hereof. This proclamation shall apply to such commodities as rice, palay, corn, milk and other foodstuffs.

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 1st day of March, 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*