

MALACANANG  
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 315

DECLARING 1968 AS INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
CREATING A PHILIPPINE COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE  
PREPARATIONS FOR ITS PROPER OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly, upon  
the recommendation of the Human Rights Commission, adopted  
Resolution 2081 (XX) on December 20, 1965, declaring 1968  
as International Year for Human Rights in celebration of  
the 20th Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal  
Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
has been the instrument of the highest importance for the  
protection and promotion of the rights of individuals and  
the furtherance of peace and friendship throughout the  
world;

WHEREAS, member states have pledged themselves to  
achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the  
promotion of universal respect for and observance of human  
rights and fundamental freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the Philippines has always been and will  
ever be a diligent champion of the cause of human rights  
and the fundamental freedoms, and it is but fitting and  
proper for our country and people to express and show their  
advice by for them in more substantial adequate, and  
effective forms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of  
the Philippines, do hereby declare the year 1968 as the  
International Year for Human Rights and create the following  
Committee to undertake preparations for its proper observance:

Honorable Narciso Ramos  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs ..... Honorary Chairman

Honorable Carlos P. Romulo  
Secretary of Education ..... Chairman

Honorable Rafael M. Sulas  
Executive Secretary ..... Vice-Chairman

Honorable Rafaelita H. Soriano Assistant Secretary for United Nations Affairs and International Conference ..	Executive Secretary
Honorable Marcelo S. Balatbat Secretary of Commerce and Industry ....	Member
Honorable Paulino J. Garcia Secretary of Health .....	Member
Honorable Blas Ople Secretary of Labor .....	Member
Honorable Gregorio Feliciano Administrator, Social Welfare Administration .....	Member
Honorable Edmundo Reyes Commissioner of Immigration .....	Member
Miss Luisa Insangan Acting Executive Secretary United Nations Association of the Philippines .....	Member
Mr. Rafael Ledesma Chairman, Civil Liberties Union .....	Member
Honorable Amante Bigornia President, National Press Club .....	Member
Mr. Francisco Trinidad General Manager, Philippine Broadcasting System .....	Member
Miss Helena Z. Benitez President, Philippine Women's University .....	Member
Mrs. Geronima Pecson Member of the Board of Directors Philippine Association of University Women .....	Member

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 15th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

By the President: (SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS  
President of the Philippines

(SGD.) RAFAEL M. SALAS  
Executive Secretary