BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 494

DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

WHEREAS, it is desirable that public attention be focused on the value and significance of philately;

WHEREAS, philately, which is the collection and study of stamps, will provide our people, especially the youth, with deeper knowledge of our history, culture, and traditions, as well as of the rest of the world;

WHEREAS, a month-long celebration for the promotion and development of our people's consciousness on the value and significance of philately in our country will help provide an effective means of projecting the Philippines abroad and, consequently, boost our tourism and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of November of every year as National Stamp Collecting Month.

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 27th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

(SGD.) FIDEL V. RAMOS President of the Philippines

By the President:

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(SGD. TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR. Executive Secretary

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