MALACAÑANG Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 890

DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1996 AS THE NATIONAL SHELTER MONTH

WHEREAS, cognizant of the vital role of housing in economic recovery and the general well-being of our people, the Government has placed housing as one of the priority concerns;

WHEREAS, the Government was an active participant in the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements or HABITAT II held this year in Istanbul (Turkey);

WHEREAS, the Government joins the community of nations in the annual celebration of the World Habitat Day, which falls on the first Monday of October of every year, to bring to fore the imperative need to address homelessness;

WHEREAS, The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) and its shelter agencies together with the private sector, notably the Subdivision and Housing Developers Association, Inc. (SHDA) and other organizations, have calendared activities and events in October since 1994 to draw public attention on the various aspects of housing;

WHEREAS, with its policy of encouraging a stronger partnership between the government and the private sector, the Government recognizes the need to obtain popular support to these different activities relative to housing;

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 October 1996 as the "National Shelter 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 $l\underline{st}$ day of October in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety six.

By the President

RECUTIVE Secretary

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