

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 715

DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS "ANIMAL WELFARE WEEK"

WHEREAS, it is necessary to inculcate in the hearts and minds of the Filipino youth to be kind and to love all kinds of animals either domesticated or in wildlife;

WHEREAS, the virtue of kindness, justice and protection of all living creatures is the greatest contributing factor to maintain and restore the ecological balance in our country;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 537 dated September 30, 1958 declared the 4th day of October as Kindness to Animals Day;

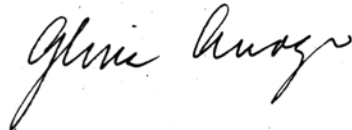
WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 was enacted on February 11, 1998 to protect and promote the welfare of all animals in the country;

WHEREAS, the DA-Committee on Animal Welfare and the DA-Bureau of Animal Industry uphold and adhere to the Principles on the Declaration of Animal Welfare based on the Synthesis of the Workshop output of the Manila Conference on Animal Welfare (MCAW) held in Manila on March 25-26, 2003.

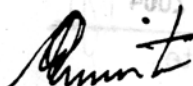
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the 1st week of October of each year as "**Animal Welfare Week**".

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 11th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



By the President:



EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

