

PROCLAMATION NO. 314

DECLARING THE ISLAND OF GUIMARAS AS A "SPECIAL QUARANTINE ZONE," AN AREA FREE FROM MANGO PULP WEEVIL AND MANGO SEED WEEVIL AND PROVIDING MEASURES TO MAINTAIN SUCH STATUS.

WHEREAS, Philippine mango fruits have very high potentials for export, the production thereof should require full support and protection by the government.

WHEREAS, the Manila Super Mango is one among the most delicious mango in the world.

WHEREAS, the Island of Guimaras in the Visayas is the leading producer of the above-mentioned mangoes and has become a major industry in that island.

WHEREAS, it has been finally established that the island of Guimaras is free from injurious mango pests, such as the mango pulp weevil and the mango seed weevil.

WHEREAS, it is very necessary at appropriate mechanisms and measures be provided by the government to prevent witting or unwitting introduction into Guimaras Island of the above-mentioned pests of mangoes which might be existing in other parts of the country.

WHEREAS, maintaining the Island of Guimaras as free from infestation of the above-said mango pulp and seed weevils will enhance our mango exports to U.S. markets and other foreign markets.

WHEREAS, progressive exports of our mangoes to foreign markets would result to additional foreign exchange earning of our country.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby declare the Island of Guimaras a "Special Quarantine Zone," an area free from the infestation of mango pulp weevil and mango seed weevil. To effectively maintain such free-area status, the Plant Quarantine Service of the Bureau of Plant Industry with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture provide the necessary organizational structure/mechanism and measures to carry out the same. The Secretary of the Budget is hereby instructed to provide such funds as are needed to support this activity.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

By the President



TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.  
Executive Secretary



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Date