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Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 23

DECLARING THE THIRD WEEK OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS "DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL WEEK"

WHEREAS, a nationwide and a systematically-coordinated community information drive against the evils of drug abuse will to a large degree contribute in the prevention and control of drug dependency;

WHEREAS, in the 9th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in September, 1985, the ASEAN member countries agreed to celebrate annually the Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week in November of every year; and

WHEREAS, there is a felt need to increase awareness and understanding of the adverse effects of drug abuse on the health of our people as well as on the social, economic and even political development of our country;

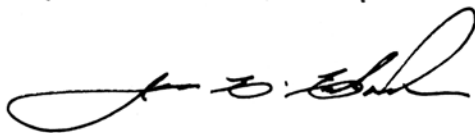
NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the third week of November of every year as "DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL WEEK" under the auspices of the Dangerous Drugs Board.

I call upon all agencies of the government, professional, civic and religious organizations, and the mass media to extend their wholehearted cooperation with and support to the Dangerous Drugs Board in this laudable endeavor.

This supersedes Proclamation No. 335 dated October 18, 1988.

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of SEPT. in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety eight.



By the President:



RONALDO B. ZAMORA  
Executive Secretary

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