

MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 462

**DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS
SURGEONS' WEEK**

WHEREAS, the nation recognizes that the practice of surgery plays a vital part in saving lives and maintaining good health, which are essential and indispensable to the well-being of the people and to the success of nation-building;

WHEREAS, the Philippine College of Surgeons is recognized for its role in training current and prospective surgeons; which includes Cancer prevention and control, infection surveillance and control, national trauma control program in cooperation with the Department of Health and other government agencies; and its assistance to the Department of Health thru the surgical Manpower Development project, to upgrade and improve the competency of surgeons in government hospitals;

WHEREAS, the Philippine College of Surgeons will ultimately initiate a joint project with the Department of Health and the Medicare Commission, to expand complete coverage to Medicare patients in surgery;

WHEREAS, it is desirable that public attention be drawn and awareness be focused on these worthy endeavors of the Philippine College of Surgeons;

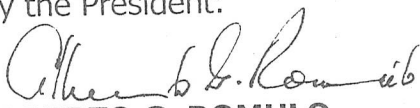
WHEREAS, it is but fitting to give recognition and tribute to the surgeons in the land.

NOW THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the first week of December of every year as ***Surgeons' Week***.

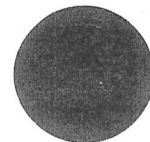
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9TH day of *September*, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary






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