

MALACAÑANG

RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION No. 363

DECLARING NOVEMBER 15 OF EVERY YEAR AS
PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN DAY

WHEREAS, the designation of one day during the year for the commemoration of Philippine-American relations has proved to be of lasting good for both the Filipino and American communities;

WHEREAS, our intimate association with the American people has been and will continue to be the source of much of our stability, strength, and security;

WHEREAS, it is desirable that close and friendly relations continue to prevail between the two nations for their common progress and advancement; and

WHEREAS, particularly in these uncertain times, mutual understanding between the two peoples constitutes the firm foundation of continued Philippine-American collaboration and partnership for mutual benefits and of their joint endeavors to promote and safeguard the welfare of the free nations in our immediate neighborhood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare November 15 of every year as Philippine-American Day. I call upon all our people and all Americans residing in the Philippines to observe this date with appropriate ceremonies designed to enhance the practical significance of the intimate association existing between Filipinos and Americans and between the Government of our Republic and that of the United States of America. I especially call on all civic, business, religious and service organizations, and schools, both public and private, to devote this date to exercises calculated to advance knowledge and spread wider appreciation of the value of Philippine-American relationship and of the benefits derived from it.

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 3rd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the eleventh.

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RAMON MAGSAYSAY

President of the Philippines

By the President:

MARIANO YENKO, JR.

Assistant Executive Secretary