

PROCLAMATION NO. 47

**DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 4 TO 11, 2001 AND EVERY YEAR
THEREAFTER AS "JUDICIARY WEEK"**

WHEREAS, the 11th day of June marks the founding anniversary of the Supreme Court as the highest judicial body of the land, having been established on 11 June 1901 by Act No. 136 of the Philippine Commission;

WHEREAS, behind the Supreme Court in the pursuit of its basic legal mandate to protect individual rights and to dispense impartial justice are such special and regular inferior courts which have been created by law and spread throughout the different judicial districts;

WHEREAS, what has evolved through the years of the nation's history is an accountable, vigilant and independent judiciary endeavoring at all times to earn and deserve the respect and trust of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 322 dated 6 June 2000 declared the period 11 June 2000 to 11 June 2001 as the Centenary of the Supreme Court to enhance not only the people's awareness of its tremendous responsibility as the court of last resort, but also their understanding of the history and the workings of the judiciary as a whole;

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to remind the members of the judiciary of the heavy but noble obligation imposed on them by law and tradition, as well as the corollary expectations lodged in them by an exacting public;

WHEREAS, as the centenary of the Supreme Court comes to a close, it is fitting to set aside a week in June every year to focus public attention on the judiciary as a revered institution of our constitutional democracy and to highlight its role in creating a just and humane society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from June 4 to 11, 2001, and every year thereafter as "Judiciary Week"

I call upon the public and the private sectors, more particularly the judges, and members of the bar to give the observance of the week their full support.



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 18th day of May in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and one.

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By the President:

Renato C. Corona

RENATO C. CORONA
Presidential Chief of Staff



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