



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 749

**DECLARING 12-18 MAY 2014 AS NATIONAL FAMILY AND MARRIAGE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Section 12, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2, Article XV of the 1987 Constitution provides that marriage as an inviolable social institution, is the foundation of the family and shall be protected by the State;

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to defend the rights of the family and actively work to strengthen its solidarity and promote its development; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to promote nationwide awareness that marriage is the natural institution for the transmission of life wherein different generations come together in harmony for the development and well-being of society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare of 12-18 May 2014 as National Family and Marriage 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.

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By authority of the President:

*[Handwritten signature of Paquito N. Ochoa Jr.]*

**PAQUITO N. OCHOA JR.**  
Executive Secretary



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