

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 296

DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY OF EVERY YEAR AS
NATURAL DISASTER CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Philippines is highly vulnerable to natural disasters, such as typhoon, flood, earthquake, tornado, landslide, storm surge, volcanic eruption, tsunami and drought;

WHEREAS, the Filipino people, by being conscious of these ever threatening calamities, can better appreciate a disaster preparedness program aimed at saving lives, protecting property, preventing needless sufferings and minimizing damages during natural disasters, thus mitigating their effects; and

WHEREAS, the government recognizes the value of setting aside a designated period for the people to focus their attention on the need to prepare for natural disasters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the first week of July of every year as Natural Disaster Consciousness Week to be observed by schools and communities throughout the country.

The National Disaster Coordinating Council, the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council and the various local Disaster Coordinating Councils shall take the lead in the celebration of this 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 29th day of July in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

By the President:



CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.
Executive Secretary