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PROCLAMATION NO. 1222

DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS PHILIPPINE BOOK DEVELOPMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the Philippines recognizes the significant role of books in the intellectual, technical and cultural development of its people;

WHEREAS, June 7, 1995 marks the signing into law of R.A. No. 8047, the Book Publishing Industry Development Act, and the beginning of liberalization in the various aspects of the book publishing industry which is geared at promoting the growth and development of book publishing;

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 8047 envisions the promotion of book readership among the Filipinos, particularly the young and neo literates through book fairs, exhibits or programs which enhance literacy and good reading habits;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to focus national attention on the important contribution of books in the economic and social growth of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of June 1998 as Philippine Book Development Month.

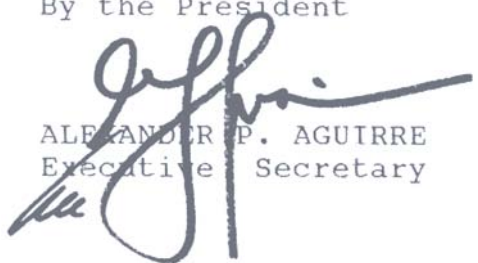
During this period, the National Book Development Board is tasked to adopt measures and implement activities, including the allocation of its resources, to realize the objectives of R.A. 8047.

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 20th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety eight.



By the President



ALEXANDER P. AGUIRRE
Executive Secretary



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