

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 99

**DECLARING APRIL 17, 1999 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS
"FILIPINO-CHINESE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' DAY"**

WHEREAS, the Confederation of Filipino-Chinese Veterans Descendants, Inc., is committed to the perpetuation of the memory of patriotic Filipino-Chinese guerillas in many parts of the Philippines who fought for freedom and democracy during World War II;


WHEREAS, the late Consul General Kwangson Young inspired the Filipino-Chinese to resist at all costs Japanese aggression and oppression and to organize themselves into guerilla forces in concert with Philippine-American resistance groups;

WHEREAS, the brutal death of Consul General Kwangson Young and other Filipino-Chinese guerillas on April 17, 1942 deserves to be commemorated as a reminder of love for freedom and democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare April 17, 1999 and every year thereafter as "Filipino-Chinese Freedom Fighters' Day".

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 *16th* day of *APRIL*, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety nine.

Joseph Ejercito Estrada


By the President:

Ramon B. Cardenas

RAMON B. CARDENAS
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary



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