

## **DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 4 TO 10, 1953, AND EVERY WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY OCTOBER THEREAFTER, AS BARRIO IMPROVEMENT WEEK.**

*PROCLAMATION NO. 398, June 16, 1953*

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WHEREAS, there are fifteen million Filipinos living in the countryside and remote barrios under economic and social conditions which call for more desirable improvement;

WHEREAS, national progress may be advanced a great deal by pursuing a program of amelioration operating at the barrio level and which aims to broaden the opportunities of the people for developing human and natural resources available in rural areas;

WHEREAS, it is essential to focus public attention on the requirements and capacities of our barrios, to foster rural mindedness and leadership among the barrio people, and to stimulate nationwide efforts of self-help towards rural betterment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from October 4 to 10, 1953, and every week beginning with the first Sunday of every October thereafter, as Barrio Improvement Week and urge municipal, provincial, and national government officials and civic-spirited citizens to cooperate wholeheartedly to insure the success of this celebration.

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 June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the seventh.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO

President of the Philippines

By the President:

MARCIANO ROQUE

Acting Executive Secretary

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