DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 28 TO JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR AS INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY WEEK

PROCLAMATION NO. 31, May 26, 1954

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WHEREAS, since the proclamation and inauguration of the Republic of the Philippines on July 4, 1946, we have acted in the fine traditions of democracy and freedom, proving ourselves worthy of our independence; and

WHEREAS, it is but natural that we rejoice at the blessings of independence without forgetting our responsibilities free and sovereign nation;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare starting this year the period from June 28 to July 4 of every year as Independence Anniversary Week, during which I enjoin all our people to ponder the significance of our independence to the end that we shall always be worthy of it. The National Committee created in Administrative Order No. 26 dated May 19, 1954, and all succeeding national anniversary committees to be created thereafter shall take charge of, and coordinate, the activities in celebration of the 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 twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the eighth.

(SGD.) RAMON MAGSAYSAY
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) FRED RUIZ CASTRO
Executive Secretary

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