

DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL ANTI-VIDEO PIRACY MONTH";

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WHEREAS, the Videogram Regulatory Board (VRB) was established to regulate the video industry in the country;

WHEREAS, the rampant and indiscriminate piracy of videograms has greatly affected the movie industry;

WHEREAS, video piracy has also resulted in the loss of much-needed revenue for the government estimated at no less than PI Billion per year;

WHEREAS, video piracy may be more effectively addressed with the full support and cooperation of the public; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to elevate awareness of the public regarding video piracy and its adverse effects in the entire economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of October of every year as "National Anti-Video Piracy Month".

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 25th day of August, in the year of Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary

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