DESIGNATING THE SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS “EDUCATION WEEK”

PROCLAMATION NO. 409, September 14, 1953

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WHEREAS, in a democracy like the Philippines, in order that an intelligent public opinion may be formed, it is necessary that the people be kept constantly informed about the policies and achievements of the Government;

WHEREAS, under Article XIV, section 5, of the Constitution, the education of all the people, young and adult, is one of the primary concerns of the Government; and

WHEREAS, it was in or about the second week of September, 1898, that the first public schools were established in the Philippines after the American occupation on August 13, 1898, and at that time, there were already established private schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare the second week of September of each year as “Education Week”, during which period vital information about the objectives, work and accomplishments of the public and private schools may be disseminated among the people.

This proclamation supersedes Proclamation No. 123 dated April 22, 1949.

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 14th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the eighth.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO
President of the Philippines

By the President:
MARCIANO ROQUE
Acting Executive Secretary

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