

[PROCLAMATION NO. 164, May 09, 2011]

DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2011 AS "STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING MONTH"

WHEREAS, recent global developments related to natural disasters highlight the importance of promoting public safety through the design and construction of safe and sound engineered structures such as buildings, bridges, towers, and other structures;

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase public awareness about the role and the social and moral responsibilities of Civil Engineers specializing in structural design in relation to promoting public safety;

WHEREAS, the Association of Structural Engineers of the Philippines, Inc. (ASEP), an affiliate society of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE), is the country's only national organization of practitioners of structural engineering;

WHEREAS, ASEP will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in September 2011;

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, ASEP has been a partner of the government in its commitment to the protection of life and property by promoting responsible structural engineering through various undertakings, such as effective programs for disaster risk reduction and management and continuing professional development; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to express our appreciation for the work of our structural engineers and to spread awareness of their vital contribution to the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of September 2011 as "Structural Engineering 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 9th day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

**(Sgd.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO
III**

By the President:
**(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA,
JR.**
Executive Secretary