

[PROCLAMATION NO. 1667, November 18, 2008]

**DECLARING NOVEMBER 19 TO 25, 2008 AND EVERY YEAR
THEREAFTER AS "GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE
CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK"**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to advance the general health and welfare of its citizens, promote sustainable development of its economy, and protect its natural resources for the benefit of all generations;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the Kyoto Protocol which mandates measures for the reduction of carbon dioxide and other critical greenhouse gases to avert certain catastrophe in the planet's environment and climate as calculated by the international scientific community;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has declared and confirmed its commitment to the goals of the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Convention;

WHEREAS, realizing the gravity and the immediate threat of the extreme changes occurring in the world's temperature, the melting of ice in the polar regions, and the rise in sea levels, and their critical impact on agricultural productivity, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Global Warming and Climate Change was created on August 21, 2008;

WHEREAS, the warming of the earth's surface is undermining our national food and energy security, and therefore requires broad and intensive information and educational campaign to impress on the general public the awesome and terrifying consequences of this phenomenon and to secure the collective cooperation of the population in finding solutions to it;

WHEREAS, these concerns require the urgent and thoughtful participation of our citizens as well as the collective action of private and public sectors at all levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare November 19 to 25, 2008 as the "Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week".

All government offices, agencies and instrumentalities including government-owned and controlled corporations are hereby enjoined to observe this important event through the conduct of relevant activities for the occasion under the auspices of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Global Warming and Climate Change in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Transportation and Communications, Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills