

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 802, February 11, 2005 ]**

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2005 AS NATIONAL  
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)  
MONTH AMENDING PROCLAMATION NO. 412**

**WHEREAS**, Section 24, Article II (Declaration of Principles and State Policies) of the 1987 Constitution states that, "The State shall recognize the vital role of communication and information in nation-building";

**WHEREAS**, the government, further recognizing that the ICT is one of the major sectors for economic growth and as such, has resolved to fully implement a national ICT program that shall optimize the utilization of ICT;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of Information and Communications Technology (CITC), created through Executive Order (EO) No. 269, s. 2004, is tasked to be the primary policy, planning, coordinating, implementing administrative entity of the executive branch of Government that will promote and develop integrated and strategic ICT systems and reliable and cost-efficient communication facilities and services;

**WHEREAS**, the CITC as an empowered national body is keen to work closely with the private sector to encourage ICT-related business and investment, enhance the skills of the country's workforce, pursue meaningful infrastructure, and promote e-government, consistent with Philippine goals to compete in the global ICT market;

**WHEREAS**, the government also recognizes the need to harmonize and coordinate the government's and private sector's ICT programs and projects and other ICT-related initiatives to ensure their consistency with the government's overall development goals;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to amend Proclamation No. 412 (s. 1989) to among others, expand the definition of "Information Technology, the convergence of computer technology, telecommunications and office systems technology" to "Information and Communications Technology (ICT)", which is defined in EO No. 269 as the totality of electronic means to collect, store, process and present information to end-users in support of their activities, consisting of, among others, computer systems, office systems and consumer electronics, as well as networked information infrastructure, the components of which include the telephone system, the internet, fax machines and computers.

**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 the month of June 2005 as National Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Month. The National ICT Month shall be under the auspices of the Commission on Information and Communications Technology, with the cooperation of other government agencies and private organizations that are involved in the development