

[PROCLAMATION NO. 713, September 22, 2004]

DECLARING SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS RULE OF LAW MONTHS AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE OBSERVANCE THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Constitution ordains a society where the rule of law and justice prevails;

WHEREAS, the rule of law ensures the orderly enjoyment by all persons of their rights and freedoms and secures the attainment of national development, economic progress, and political stability.

WHEREAS, the government is duty-bound to promote awareness and respect for the rule of law and understanding for everyone, especially as part of the value formation of the youth;

WHEREAS, in line with the Action Program for Judicial Reform initiated by Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide, Jr., the integration of the teaching of respect for the rule of law and the workings of the judiciary in elementary and high school curricula is an effective tool in building constituencies for reforms in the delivery of justice and sustaining development efforts in the country;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is mandated by law to implement programs to enhance values formation among elementary and high school students;

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 September of every year as "Rule of Law Month" and for the Department of Education to implement programs and activities in the observance thereof. The Department of Education shall coordinate its programs and activities for the Rule of Law Month with the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

City of Manila, 22 September 2004

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Acting Executive Secretary
