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DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 6 TO 12, 1962, AS NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

WHEREAS, the 4-H Club, an organization of young boys and girls from the rural areas who pledge their heads to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service, and their health to better living for their club, community, and country, has been found to be one of the major forces in improving the standard of living in the rural areas;

WHEREAS, through this organization more than 120,000 boys: and girls in and out of school have been developed into more useful young citizens and future leaders, thereby minimizing juvenile delinquency;

WHEREAS, the organization has contributed to the development of native industries and farm and home skills through its project work in addition to increasing food production and bolstering rural income by millions of pesos;

WHEREAS, through the 4-H Club young people have learned to make wise use of their time and have realized the value of team work and cooperation, two important factors in making the rural areas a better place in which to live;

WHEREAS, 14,000 volunteer adult leaders who serve without pay devote their spare time and pour in their talents to develop among the youth essential leadership, useful citizenship, good character, and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, this organization has fostered international friendship and good will by means of exchanges with the United States and East Asian countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diosdado Macapagal, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from May 6 to 12, 1962, as National 4-H Club Week and designate the Bureau of Agricutural Extension to take charge of and coordinate all activities in celebration of said week. I call upon all our countrymen to turn their thoughts during the week the great service that this youth organization is doing for our country, both economically and socially, and to extend their cooperation and support to this movement.

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 6th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the sixteenth.

DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL President of the Philippines