

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 117, February 26, 1955 ]**

**DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 14 TO 20, 1955, AS "AID TO THE BLIND AND HANDICAPPED WEEK"**

WHEREAS, section 10 (a) of Republic Act No. 1179 authorizes the President of the Philippines to set aside an annual fund-raising week to be known as "Aid to the Blind and Handicapped Week," the money realized therefrom to constitute a trust fund called the "Blind and Handicapped Fund" under the control and administration of the Social Welfare Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare the period from March 14 to 20, 1955, as "Aid to the Blind and Handicapped Week," during which the Social Welfare Administration shall conduct a campaign for funds for the blind and other handicapped persons.

I call upon all citizens and residents of this country, as well as all civic-spirited organizations and associations, to support this campaign.

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 26th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the ninth.

RAMON MAGSAYSAY  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

FRED RUIZ CASTRO  
*Executive Secretary*



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