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DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 15 to 21 OF EVERY YEAR AS PHILIPPINE INDUSTRY WEEK.

WHEREAS, there is an abundance of basic raw materials in the Philippines which await commercial utilization and industrial exploitation;

WHEREAS, the development of the Philippine industries is essential to the rapid growth of the country as well as to the promotion of economic security;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to focus the attention of the people to the progress achieved by local industries and to foster a national consciousness for the patronage of locally manufactured products; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable to arouse greater encouragement and inspire more enthusiasm in the establishment of Philippine industries in order to provide more opportunities for employment and to raise the standard of living of the people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from March 15 to 21 of every year as Philippine Industry Week and enjoin the celebration thereof with appropriate ceremonies.

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 13th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the seventh.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO President of the Philippines

By the President:

MARCIANO ROQUE

Acting Executive Secretary

