

[PROCLAMATION NO. 233, January 16, 1951]

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 15 TO MARCH 14, 1951, AS THE TIME FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS.

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Red Cross is the body corporate and politic created and officially designated by Republic Act No. 95 as the voluntary organization to assist the Republic of the Philippines in the latter's fulfillment of obligations set forth in the Geneva Red Cross Convention, to which the Republic adhered on February 14, 1947, and to perform other duties inherent in a national Red Cross Society;

WHEREAS, in the faithful and efficient performance of its humanitarian mission over the years, the Philippine National Red Cross has contributed greatly to the amelioration of the sufferings of thousands of our people affected by national calamities through its disaster relief service ; to the advancement of the health, welfare and safety of countless others through its blood program, nursing service and safety service; and to the improvement of the lot of Filipino soldiers and their dependents, including veterans and hospitalized members of our Armed Forces, through its home and military welfare service;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Red Cross operates and maintains its services solely with funds obtained from voluntary contributions through personal solicitation campaigns conducted annually by its chapters, as prescribed in its Congressional Charter;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Red Cross requires new funds for the continuation of its many valuable services to the nation and to carry out its international responsibilities, as well as the financial support of new programs of service adopted by the organization for the benefit of the people;

WHEREAS, the critical and steadily deteriorating international peace situation emphasizes the need for the Philippine National Red Cross to be vouchsafed all possible financial help in order that it may be able to cope with any or all resultant contingencies requiring mass assistance to people in the form of food, clothing, medicine and other emergency relief needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare the period from February 15 to March 14, 1951, as the time for the Fourth Annual Fund Campaign of the Philippine National Red Cross, and I call upon all citizens and residents of this country, regardless of nationality or creed, as well as upon all public-spirited organizations and associations to support this campaign and to give generously of their means, time and personal services in furtherance of the aims and purposes of the Philippine National Red Cross. I authorize all national, provincial, city, and municipal government officials and school authorities to accept,