

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 250, April 25, 1951 ]**

**DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 24 TO 30, 1951, AS  
NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

WHEREAS, it is a generally recognized fact that good mental health is of the utmost importance in our individual daily way of life;

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated through research and clinical experience on mental health that mental illness, like any physical disease, is frequently acquired and rarely inherited and that much mental illness can now be prevented and adequately treated and cured;

WHEREAS, sound mental health is conducive to the maintenance of a happy and peaceful life, to the establishment of peace and order, and to the economic and cultural advancement of our people; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Mental Health Association, a private civic entity, is working through the promotion of mental health for the attainment of individual happiness and efficiency; for the establishment of peace, stability and harmony among nations and peoples and for the prevention of wars

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby designate the period from June 24 to 30, 1951, as National Mental Health Week. I call upon all government and non-government entities and all residents of the Philippines to observe this week and to support the activities connected therewith.

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 25th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the fifth.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

TEODORO EVANGELISTA  
*Executive Secretary*

