

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 225, November 27, 1950 ]**

**DESIGNATING DECEMBER 10, 1950, AS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

WHEREAS, the second anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations at the Palais de Chaillot, Paris, falls on December 10, 1950;

WHEREAS, the peoples of the United Nations have reaffirmed in the Charter their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women;

WHEREAS, recognition of the inherent dignity and of equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world”;

WHEREAS, Member States have pledged themselves to achieve international cooperation in promoting universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion; and

WHEREAS, grave developments in international relations make it imperative that Human Rights Day be fittingly observed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim December 10, 1950, as Human Rights Day and call upon all our citizens, all national, provincial and municipal officials, all teachers in public and private schools, and all other elements in this country, public or private, local or foreign, to publicize the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to cause it to be disseminated, displayed and expounded.

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 27th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the fifth.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

TEODORO EVANGELISTA  
*Executive Secretary*

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