

[PROCLAMATION NO. 98, October 15, 1948]

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2-1, 1948, AS UNITED NATIONS DAY

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1942, the Philippine Commonwealth adhered to the declaration by the United Nations, subscribing to the common program of purposes and principles embodied in the Atlantic Charter and the joint declaration made by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on August 14, 1941;

Whereas, at the United Nations Conference on International Organization held in San Francisco, to which all the signatories to the foregoing declaration were invited to participate, the Philippines was among the fifty-one nations that signed the Charter of the United Nations;

WHEREAS, the United Nations was established to maintain international peace and security, to develop friendly relations among nations, to achieve international co-operation in the solution of various international problems and to harmonize the aims of nations in the attainment of these ends;

WHEREAS, Resolution 168(11) adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations declared October 24 as United Nations Day to "be devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for the work of the United Nations";

Whereas, the Republic of the Philippines, fully conscious of the important role which the United Nations plays in binding the nations of the world in a spirit of brotherhood for the attainment of everlasting peace and security in order to save the succeeding generations from the scourge of war and in order to bring the United Nations closer to the people, desires, in conformity with the terms of the above cited resolution, to join with the other Member States in observing fittingly the day set aside for it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, hereby proclaim October 24 as United Nations 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 give their support and co-operation in order that the aims of the United Nations Day may be carried out successfully.

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 15th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the third.