

Proclamation No. 224

DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS WOMEN'S WEEK AND MARCH 8, 1988 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

WHEREAS, the U.N. General Assembly has approved by resolution the declaration of an International Women's Day, said resolution having been approved on the 105th plenary meeting of 16 December, 1977;

WHEREAS, said resolution of the U.N. General Assembly invites all the States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions, to proclaim any day of the year as United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace;

WHEREAS, Filipino women have been active in the struggle for national independence, for civil liberties, for equality of the sexes, and for human rights; and

WHEREAS, it is but just and proper to declare a week and a particular day of the year as Women's Rights and International Peace Day, in solidarity with the United Nations, and in commemoration of the struggle of Filipino women for national freedom, civil liberty, equality and human rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the first week of March, of every year as Women's Week and March 8, 1988 and every year thereafter as Women's Rights and International Peace Day.

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 1st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

(Sgd.)

CORAZON C. AQUINO

President of the Philippines