

MALACAÑANG

RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION No. 40

DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST OF
EVERY YEAR AS SIGHT-CONSERVATION WEEK

WHEREAS, a preliminary survey made by the Philippine Eye Bank shows that approximately 40,000 blind Filipinos could have saved their sight if the necessary precautions had been taken; and

WHEREAS, this fact points up the necessity of carrying on an educational campaign throughout the country to prevent blindness among the people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law,

do hereby declare the first week of August of every year as Sight-Conservation Week and designate the Philippine Eye Bank to take charge of the celebration of the Week.

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 5th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the ninth.

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RAMON MAGSAYSAY
President of the Philippines

By the President:

FRED RUIZ CASTRO
Executive Secretary
