

MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 404

**DECLARING JUNE 7 TO 11, 2003, AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, AS
NATIONAL DAY CARE WORKERS' WEEK**

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides that "*The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.*";

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates local government units to implement social welfare services which include programs and projects on child and youth welfare, and maintenance of day-care centers;

WHEREAS, day care workers perform frontline functions in helping mold young children during their early years of education;

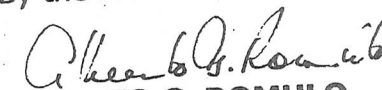
WHEREAS, local government day care workers organized themselves into the National Federation of Day Care Workers' of the Philippines, Inc. for their personal development, career growth and professional advancement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare June 7 to 11, 2003, and every year thereafter, as **National Day Care Workers' 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 9TH day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

