

MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1137

DECLARING OCTOBER 2006 – OCTOBER 2007 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION YEAR"

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 74 declares October 17 as the National Children's Day and Proclamation No. 267 declares the month of October as "National Children's Month";

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article XV of the Philippine Constitution provides that: "The State shall defend: The Right of the Children to Assistance, In-protection from All Forms of Neglect, Abuse, Cruelty, Exploitation and Other Conditions Prejudicial to their Development";

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the same Constitution provides that: "The State Values the Dignity of Every Human Person and Guarantees Full Respect for Human Rights";

WHEREAS, the Filipino people strongly believe that a child is a gift from Almighty God, whose aid we implore in the Preamble of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the child has been and still is being seriously threatened and there is urgent need to remind us of this very important value of protecting the child and preventing abuse.

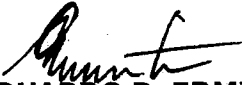
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the year October 2006 – October 2007 as "Child Abuse Prevention Year" under the auspices of the Child Protection Unit of the Philippine General Hospital and the CPU-Network as the non-governmental organization.

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 ^{8th} day of ~~September~~, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

Gloria M. Arroyo

By the President:


EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary



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