

**MALACAÑANG
MANILA**

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION 1105

**DECLARING OCTOBER 15, 1997, AND OF EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, AS
“NATIONAL RURAL WOMEN’S DAY”**

WHEREAS, as a result of the 4th UN World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), the Women’s World Summit Foundation (WWSF) and the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) designated October 15 as “World Rural Women’s Day” to highlight the largely unrecognized contribution of rural women, the world over, to food security and to the development of the rural areas;

WHEREAS, the “World Rural Women’s Day” was celebrated for the first time in October 15, 1996;

WHEREAS, the Philippines recognizes the role and tremendous contribution of rural women to our country’s economic development and food security;

WHEREAS, there is necessity to set aside a period during which concerted national efforts for the recognition of the role that rural women play in the vitality of the economy may be highlighted;

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1997, and of every year thereafter, as “National Rural Women’s Day”.

The National Council on the Role of Filipino Women is tasked to undertake programs and activities to ensure the successful observance thereof.

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 10th of October, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary