

**MALACAÑANG  
MANILA**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION 74**

**DECLARING THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS  
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino people should celebrate and recognize the Filipino children as the most valuable asset of the nation;

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution provides: "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**, in 1954, the United Nation's General assembly, passed a resolution formally establishing Universal Children's Day, which has been observed for the past 30 years in 149 countries;

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino children should be made to feel that the adult sector of society care for their well-being;

**WHEREAS**, the designation of a day to commemorate the Filipino children will emphasize to the Filipino nation the importance of the role of the child within the family and within society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the 17th day of October of every year as National Children's Day.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, 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 16th of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety two.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:  
(Sgd.) **EDELMIRO A. AMANTE, SR.**  
*Executive Secretary*