

[PROCLAMATION NO. 1127, August 24, 2006]

**DECLARING THE THIRD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS
"FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS WEEK"**

WHEREAS, it has been declared a policy of the State to promote, support, strengthen and encourage the growth and development of small enterprises in all productive sectors of the country;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6977, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Small Enterprises", as amended, was enacted to effectively spur the promotion, growth and development of small enterprises nationwide through the establishment of adequate support structures in financing and credit delivery systems, training, appropriate technology transfer, common service facilities and the active participation of the private sector, among others;

WHEREAS, the furniture and furnishings industries are composed of 90% small and medium enterprises and are considered productive sectors of the economy, having been declared as part of the revenue streams of the government;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance the competitiveness of the sector and create a positive impression as competition in both local and foreign markets is becoming more rigid;

WHEREAS, there is also a need to institute consistent and continuous awareness and assurance among all the players of the industry considering the effects of globalization and the need to be more competitive;

WHEREAS, there is also a need to promote and strengthen the partnership between the furniture and furnishings sectors to ensure business viability and create a stronger voice for the sector and its allied industries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the third week of September of each year as "FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS WEEK", under the auspices of the Department of Trade and Industry and Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines, Inc. Proclamation No. 368 dated September 4, 2000 is hereby repealed.

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 24th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO