

[PROCLAMATION NO. 559, February 24, 2004]

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS
NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 235, dated January 24, 1951, declared the period from February 3 to 9 of every year as National Dental Health Week;

WHEREAS, its major objective is to arouse dental health consciousness among the people;

WHEREAS, the dental profession plays a vital role in the maintenance of a health citizenry and the Philippine Dental Association since then has lived up with its share to propagate the value of oral/dental health to the people during the traditional week-long celebration;

WHEREAS, a DOH survey released in 1998 revealed that 96 out of one hundred Filipinos are afflicted by dental caries making tooth decay probably the most prominent disease affecting Filipinos;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the week-long celebration should be extended to one (1) month to make it more significant to reach out more people especially in the countryside and make them more conscious about the value of good oral/dental health.

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 month of February of every year as National Dental Health Month.

This supersedes Proclamation No. 236, series of 1951.

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 February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

GLORIA MACAPAGAL – ARROYO

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary
