

[PROCLAMATION NO. 606, April 19, 2004]

DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS THE "PANAGYAMAN RICE FESTIVAL", THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF SUCCESSFUL RICE HARVEST

WHEREAS, THE MONTH OF April is the Month of harvest-of rice and basic food crops;

WHEREAS, the success of rice production and harvest in April provides substance and significance to the festivities and fiestas held across the country in May and June;

WHEREAS, to express our "pasasalamat" for the very successful implementation of hybrid rice production and irrigation development programs, it is appropriate to declare the month of April as the "PANAGYAMAN RICE FESTIVAL"; the first such national celebration dedicated to the successes of small farmers, the backbone in the campaign for a Hunger Free Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of April as the "**PANAGYAMAN RICE FESTIVAL**".

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 19th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

