

[PROCLAMATION NO. 318, January 15, 2003]

**DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 20 TO 26, 2003 AS
FAMILY MISSION WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Philippines recognizes the family as the foundation of the nation and from which society draws its solidity;

WHEREAS, the Philippines remains committed to promote the dignity of the family, protect the sanctity of family life and uphold adherence to family values;

WHEREAS, the Philippines faced with the cultural and social decay presently taking place, in the presence of ills such as violence, drugs, organized crime, graft and corruption, resolves to renew every family as a united family, morally healthy and socially involved;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines highlights the role of the family as a basic autonomous social institution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from January 20 to 26, 2003 as Family Mission Week in celebration of the Fourth World Meeting of Families in Manila and marking the Philippines' solidarity with the United Nations' declaration of the year 2003 as the International Year of the Family.

Section 1. Ad Hoc Task Force. There is hereby constituted an Ad Hoc Task Force to plan, organize, and oversee, in coordination with the organizers of the Fourth World Meeting of Families the assistance Government can extend in the preparation and implementation of the programs, activities and events of said Meeting. The Task Force shall be composed of the following Departments and Agencies:

- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Department of Tourism
- Department of Education
- Department of Public Works and Highways
- Department of the Interior and Local Government
- Department of Social Welfare and Development
- Office of the Presidential Adviser for Ecclesiastical Affairs
- Office of the Presidential Adviser for Special Concerns
- National Commission on Culture and Arts
- Philippine Information Service
- Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
- Philippine National Police
- National Parks Development Committee