

[PROCLAMATION NO. 345, March 25, 2003]

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 21 TO 27, 2003 AS "HOG FARMERS WEEK"

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Hog Farmers, Inc. (NFHFI), is a non-stock, non-profit umbrella organization of autonomous associations, with a total individual membership of more than 2,000 hog farmers;

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Hog Farmers, Inc. will hold its 12th National Convention and Exhibit on April 25 and 26, 2003, at the SM Trade Hall of the SM City, Cebu City;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to focus our national attention on the role which the hog farming sector plays in accelerating the development of the livestock industry;

WHEREAS, there is the imperative need to rechannel the hog farmers' energies towards excellence in production, animal health and become most vital in the daily food chain, responsible for the Filipino consumers' daily pork requirements;

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Hog Farmers believes in being self-directed and empowered to instill in all its members and actualize the goals of the present administration's food security program.

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 April 21 to 27, 2003 as **"HOG FARMERS WEEK"**.

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 25th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and three.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary

