

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 185, September 23, 1955 ]**

**DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 4 TO 11, 1955, AND EVERY WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY DECEMBER THEREAFTER AS BARRIO FARMERS' WEEK**

WHEREAS, there are fifteen million Filipinos living in the rural areas under economic and social conditions which call for more desirable improvement;

WHEREAS, national progress may be advanced a great deal by pursuing a program of amelioration operating at the barrio level and which aims to broaden the opportunities of the people for developing human and natural resources available in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to focus attention on the requirements and capacities of our barrios, to foster rural-mindedness and leadership among the barrio people, and to stimulate nationwide efforts of self-help towards rural betterment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from December 4 to 11, 1955, and every week beginning with the first Sunday of every December thereafter, as Barrio Farmers' Week and authorize and direct municipal, provincial, and national government officials to make available their facilities and personnel in the successful prosecution of the objectives of the Barrio Farmers' Week, and designate the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources to take charge of, and coordinate, all activities in commemoration of said week. I also hereby authorize and direct the Department of Education, the Department of Health, the Department of Public Works and Communications, the Social Welfare Administration, the Agricultural Credit and Cooperative Financing Administration, and other related government agencies to participate actively in the celebration and to cooperate with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. I likewise urge civic-spirited citizens and civic associations or organizations, such as the Rotary, Lions, Jaycees, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Federation of Women's Clubs, PRRM, PRUCIS, NAMFREL, Chamber of Agriculture, Farmers Clubs of the Philippines, and others, to participate actively in the celebration and to extend their wholehearted cooperation to insure its success.

Proclamation No. 76, dated October 12, 1954, is hereby repealed.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 23rd day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the tenth.

RAMON MAGSAYSAY  
*President of the Philippines*