

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 15, April 23, 1954 ]**

**DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY, 1954, AS NATIONAL RICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, one of the principal and immediate objectives of this administration is to achieve self-sufficiency in rice; and

WHEREAS, in order to attain this objective, it is necessary to focus national attention to the rice problem by designating a period during which the people may devote their time, thought and energies to helping in the solution of said problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the first week of May, 1954, as National Rice Week and designate the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources to take charge of, and coordinate; all activities in celebration of said 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 23rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the eighth.

RAMON MAGSAYSAY  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

FRED RUIZ CASTRO  
*Executive Secretary*



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