

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 337, September 12, 1952 ]**

**CALLING UPON ALL CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF THE  
PHILIPPINES TO UNDERTAKE THE PLANTING OF TREES AND  
PLANTS OF ECONOMIC VALUE.**

WHEREAS, under Proclamation No. 30 dated July 30, 1947, the Second Saturday of September of each year was declared as Arbor Day in order to draw the attention of the people to the importance of trees and plants in their everyday life;

WHEREAS, it is important that the interest in the planting of trees and plants awakened should be kept alive continuously so as to the national economy; and

WHEREAS, this objective could only be attained by pooling together the efforts of all citizens and residents of this country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby urge and call upon all citizens and residents of the Philippines to plant trees and plants of economic value throughout the year, particularly on vacant lots, to replace those of unproductive value, and to take good care of them in order that they may develop to maturity.

I enjoin the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources to lead in this movement through the provincial agricultural supervisors and municipal agricultural inspectors and other field men, and to furnish the planting materials from the different experiment stations, plant and forest nurseries and seed farms under the Bureau of Plant Industry, Forestry and Agricultural Extension in order to carry out this objective.

I also enjoin the Secretary of Education to see to it that each pupil and teacher, both in public and private schools, plant trees and plants on their respective school grounds and homes; the Secretary of Public Works and Communications to have the parks and roadsides planted with trees and plants; and the provincial governors and municipal and city mayors to lead the citizens and residents in their respective community in tree planting.

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 12th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the seventh.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO  
President of the Philippines

By the President: