

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 1-W, August 01, 1944 ]**

**PROCLAIMING A STATE OF MOURNING IN MEMORY OF THE  
DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENCY, MANUEL LUIS QUEZON, PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS His Excellency, Manuel Luis Quezon, President of the Philippines, died in Saranac Lake in the State of New York, United States of America on the morning of Tuesday, August first, at five minutes after ten o'clock; and

WHEREAS His Excellency, Manuel Luis Quezon, was the first President of the Philippines, remaining in this position for nearly nine years with honor and distinction to himself, to his country, and to the Filipino people; and

WHEREAS the death of Manuel Luis Quezon comes as a great sorrow and an irreparable loss to his family and friends and as a national bereavement to the Government and people of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS it is of national importance, as a mark of respect to the memory of President Quezon, that a state of mourning be declared;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby proclaim and designate the period from the first of August to the first of September of this year a state of national mourning for all citizens of the Philippines everywhere; and do hereby direct:

That the national flag of the Philippines be displayed at half-mast on all public buildings of the Commonwealth of the Philippines during this period.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, this first day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth. [SEAL]

**(Sgd.)SERGIO OSMEÑA**  
President of the Philippines

