

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 472

**DECLARING THE THIRD WEEK OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS
"NATIONAL ATTENTION DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER
(AD/HD) AWARENESS WEEK"**

WHEREAS, AD/HD is a common serious neuro-biological disorder in every country affecting some three (3%) percent to four (4%) percent of the country's population;

WHEREAS, AD/HD is a chronic brain disorder with social, academic and emotional impacts which can affect an estimated four (4) million Filipinos nationwide;

WHEREAS, lack of understanding and awareness about AD/HD leads to misconceptions and social stigma which hinder access to effective treatment, increases the risk of co-morbid conditions and complications such as conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder and anti-social disorder;

WHEREAS, the unmitigated condition of AD/HD may lead to the increased incidence of out-of-school youths and child abuse and neglect;

WHEREAS, several studies have shown that as high as seventy (70%) percent of juvenile offenders and forty (40%) percent of adult prisoners were found to have AD/HD;

WHEREAS, most persons with AD/HD have above-average intelligence, are highly creative, have deep stores of energy, have the ability to do multi-tasking, and, thus, have the potential to become path-beaters;

WHEREAS, the AD/HD individual, with proper management and support, can lead productive and fruitful lives and contribute to the nation's moral, financial and spiritual recovery.

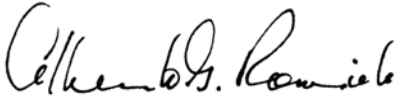
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the third week of October of every year as "**National Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) Week**" under the auspices of the AD/HD Society of the Philippines, Inc.



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 18th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By the President:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary



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