

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 475

**DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 16 TO 21, 2003 AS NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK FOR PUNCTUALITY (RESPECT FOR THE VALUE OF TIME) AND CIVILITY (RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS) (LINGGO NG PAGPAPAHALAGA SA ORAS AT SA KARAPATAN NG KAPWA)**

**WHEREAS**, for the last seven (7) years, the *Organized Response for the Advancement of Society, Inc. (ORAS)*, a non-government, non-profit and non-stock organization composed of leaders from all sectors of society, has continually and effectively promoted a national campaign for the transformation of the habit of our people in respect to the value of time and respect for the rights of others;

**WHEREAS**, punctuality and civility are two indispensable virtues that our citizenry must possess if we are aspire for a peaceful, prosperous and united society;

**WHEREAS**, the ORAS movement has gained the popular support of every community, the public and private sectors, non-government organizations, other associations, and the media;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a new breed of Filipino who makes the most of his time and respects the equal rights of his fellowman to his time and freedom, thus insuring a responsible citizenry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from November 16 to 21, 2003 as the ***National Consciousness Week for Punctuality (Respect for the value of time) and Civility (Respect for the Rights of Others) (Linggo ng Pagpapahalaga sa Oras at sa Karapatan ng Kapwa)***.

All government offices, local and national, and all public schools are enjoined to observed this week with appropriate programs to promote the twin values of punctuality and civility.



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**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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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