

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 91

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 22 to 28, 1987,  
AND THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS "OVERSEAS  
FILIPINO CONTRACT WORKERS' WEEK" "(LINGGO NG MGA  
MANGGAGAWANG PILIPINO SA IBAYONG DAGAT)".

WHEREAS, the importance of manpower or human resources, vis-a-vis natural resources, as foreign exchange earner for the country has grown tremendously over the years;

WHEREAS, the external labor market has provided gainful employment to millions of Filipinos and means of livelihood to their families, thus alleviating the country's economic problems;

WHEREAS, the overseas workers play the important role in strengthening our country's foreign currency reserve by way of inwardly remitting portions of their dollar earnings into our banking system, thereby alleviating the economic turbulence being experienced as a result of the world's ever changing economic pattern;

WHEREAS, these workers exude goodwill among many countries in the world --- highlighting the Philippines in the world map of leading manpower suppliers and projecting a favorable image as one of the world's skilled manpower;

WHEREAS, for their effective role and contribution to the country's economic recovery, the overseas workers deserve to be recognized and honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from March 22 to 28, 1987, and every year thereafter as "OVERSEAS CONTRACT WORKERS' WEEK" under the auspices of the Overseas Placement Association of the Philippines (OPAP).

I call upon all participants in the overseas employment program, government and private sectors, to give the observance of the week their full support.

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 March in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(SGD.) CORAZON C. AQUINO  
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) JOKER P. ARROYO  
Executive Secretary