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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 214

DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1988 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS "RESPECT AND CARE FOR LIFE WEEK".

WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on Rights of the Child provides that "the child by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth;"

WHEREAS, Section 12, Article II of the Constitution provides that it is the policy of the State to "protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception;"

WHEREAS, available statistics detail the frightening losses of innocent human lives by abortion; and

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the above constitutional mandate and in support of UN universal declaration and in order to instill the same, as well as the value and sacredness of human life, in the minds and hearts of the Filipino people and thereby help reverse the above statistical trend, it becomes imperative to set aside a period of time for them to ponder and focus attention on their moral and constitutional obligations to protect human life or one's inherent right to life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the second week of February 1988 and every year thereafter as "RESPECT AND CARE FOR LIFE WEEK" under the auspices of the Department of Social Welfare and Development and Pro-Life Philippines, and other involved entities or organization.

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 3rd day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

Corazon C. Aquino

By the President:

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Executive Secretary