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KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA  
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER  
No. 37, s. 1976

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 7 TO 12, 1976,  
AND EVERY SECOND WEEK OF JUNE THEREAFTER  
AS ARBOR WEEK

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units  
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities  
Schools Superintendents

1. Proclamation No. 1547 of the President of the Philippines, declaring the period from June 7 to 12, 1976, and every second week of June thereafter as Arbor Week, is quoted hereunder for the information and guidance of the field:

"WHEREAS, man is dependent upon forest trees and cultivated plants for his sustenance and comfort; but trees are wantonly destroyed without benefit to anyone, because majority of our people are not adequately informed of their importance; and

"WHEREAS, it is necessary to set aside a week each year so that through appropriate ceremonies and actual replanting, the people's attention could be drawn to the importance of trees and plants in their everyday life and their interest awakened;

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim the period from June 7 to 12, 1976, and every second week of June thereafter, as ARBOR WEEK, to be observed throughout the nation by planting trees and plants.

"All Cabinet members and heads of bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government are hereby enjoined to lead in the







tree-planting activities at proper ceremonies within their respective jurisdictions. Heads of Barangays and principals of schools are likewise instructed to require their constituents/students to collect seeds of acacia, fruit and other trees of economic value for the purpose.

"Proclamation No. 129, dated March 5, 1955, is hereby amended accordingly.

"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 May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-six."

2. In this connection, conformably to Letter of Instructions No. 404, the planting of trees by pupils and faculty members in all campuses in public and private schools, or in such places as the school principal may indicate after consultation with the municipal or city mayor, is hereby required. All agricultural schools are also required to establish nurseries which shall provide seeds or seedlings for this undertaking.

3. For suggestions or pointers on how best to observe Arbor Week, reference may be made to Memorandums Nos. 67, s. 1952; 80, s. 1954 and 3 and 59, s. 1955; and General Letters Nos. 117, dated July 24, 1957; 140, dated August 12, 1958; 121, dated July 26, 1960; and 108, dated July 22, 1964 of the Bureau of Public Schools.

4. This aforementioned Proclamation supersedes Proclamation No. 129, dated March 5, 1955, declaring the week ending with the last Saturday of July each year as Arbor Week.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL  
Secretary of Education and Culture

References: As cited

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