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DECS O R D E R
No. 8, s. 1989

OBSERVANCE OF CONSTITUTION DAY IN SCHOOLS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units/Centers
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. Inclosed, for the information and guidance of the field, is Proclamation No. 211 dated January 29, 1986, Declaring February 2 of Every Year as Constitution Day.

2. Constitution Day is one of the significant events in Philippine history studied or celebrated in schools. It is therefore expected that, as in the past, the field will stress the significance of the Day particularly through classes in social studies in the elementary grades and the secondary schools, as well as through community meetings. A possible topic in such study or celebration is the following Citizenship Decalogue:

- a. Love God above all things.
- b. Place the welfare of your country and the common good above your own.
- c. Know your constitution; safeguard the rights it recognizes; conform to the duties it implies.
- d. Obey laws, pay your taxes willingly and promptly.
- e. Defend your honor and the honor of your country.
- f. Recognize and obey parental and civic authority.
- g. Be honest and truthful.
- h. Be industrious, diligent and frugal.
- i. Be kind and generous.
- j. Be observant of the personal and property rights of others.

3. In keeping with the patriotic aim of Constitution Day, it is suggested that programs be held and inform the people about the true meaning and spirit of the Constitution and of creating in them a stronger respect for and greater attachment to this charter of their rights and liberties. It is also desired that since we are celebrating the Decade of Culture and Nationalism appropriate activities should be featured in school and community celebrations particularly for February 2.

(Inclosure to DECS Order No. 8, s. 1989)

Malacanang
Manila

PROCLAMATION NO. 211

DECLARING FEBRUARY 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS CONSTITUTION DAY

WHEREAS, a new Constitution adopted by the 1986 Constitutional Commission was ratified overwhelmingly by the Filipino people in a plebiscite held on February 22, 1987;

WHEREAS, this Constitution, as the fundamental law of the land, envisions a just and humane society and a government that embodies the ideals and aspirations of the Filipino people, promotes the common good, and secures to themselves and their posterity the blessings of independence and democracy under the rule of law and a regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality, and peace; and

WHEREAS, in order to instill in the hearts and minds of the Filipino people the democratic principles and the noble and lofty ideals enshrined in the Constitution, it is but fitting that a day be set aside as Constitution Day to give the Filipino people the opportunity to consecrate and dedicate themselves to the Constitution and ponder on the significance thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the 2nd day of February of every year as CONSTITUTION DAY.

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 29th day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty eight.

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

By the President:

(SGD.) CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.
Executive Secretary