

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO.23

DECLARING SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2001, AS A SPECIAL DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ESCALANTE, HIMAMAYLAN, AND SIPALAY, ALL IN NEGROS OCCIDENTAL; MUNICIPALITY OF TANJAY, NEGROS ORIENTAL, AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANABO, DAVAO DEL NORTE

WHEREAS, Republic Act Nos. 9014 and 9015, both dated February 28, 2001 and Republic Act Nos. 9026, 9027 and 9028 all dated March 5, 2001, provides for the conversion of the Municipalities of Escalante, Panabo, Tanjay, Sipalay and Himamaylan, into component cities to be known as the Cities of Escalante, Panabo, Tanjay, Sipalay and Himamaylan and mandates the holding of a plebiscite for the ratification thereof;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections, in its Resolution No. 3777 dated march 21, 2001, has scheduled the plebiscite day for the ratification of the conversion of the said municipalities on Saturday, March 31, 2001;

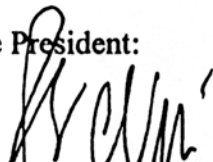
WHEREAS, to enable the residents of the said municipalities to actively participate in the schedules political exercise, there is a need to declare the plebiscite day as a special day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare Saturday, March 31, as a special day in the Municipalities of Escalante, Himamaylan, and Sipalay, all in Negros Occidental; Municipality of Tanjay, Negros Oriental, and in the Municipality of Panabo, Davao de Norte.

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 28th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and one.

By the President:

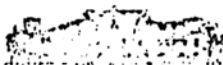


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Executive Secretary

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