

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 545

DECLARING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2004, AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN

WHEREAS, Tuesday, February 3, 2004, marks the birth anniversary of the late Blas F. Ople;

WHEREAS, Blas F. Ople, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, former Senate President and Secretary of Labor, had devoted decades of his life to selfless, dedicated and sincere service to our country and our people;

WHEREAS, the late Blas F. Ople, a son of Bulacan, has been a model to the Filipino people especially to the "*Bulakenyos*";

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the people of the Province of Bulacan be given full opportunity to celebrate the occasion with appropriate ceremonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERTO G. ROMULO, Executive Secretary, by order of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare Tuesday, February 3, 2004, as special (non-working) day in the Province of Bulacan.

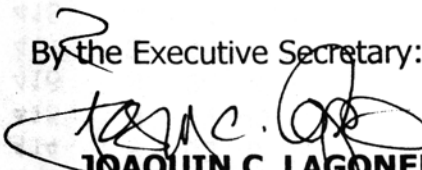
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of **January**, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

By order of the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:


JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary