

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 583

DECLARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2004, IN LIEU OF FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2004 (ARAW NG KAGITINGAN) AS A REGULAR HOLIDAY, AND SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2004, AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, Maundy Thursday, which falls on April 8, 2004 and Good Friday, which falls on April 9, 2004, are both regular holidays;

WHEREAS, this year, "Araw ng Kagitingan", April 9, 2004, coincides with Good Friday;

WHEREAS, Saturday, April 10, 2004 falls between Good Friday and Easter Sunday;

WHEREAS, the Saturday falling between Good Friday and Easter Sunday has been declared a special day throughout the country in the past;

WHEREAS, it is important that said events be observed with meaningful and appropriate activities;

WHEREAS, our people must be given the full uninterrupted opportunity to ponder on the significance of the Holy Week and to properly observe its traditions with religious fervor, without prejudice to public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERTO G. ROMULO, Executive Secretary, by order of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare:

SECTION 1. Wednesday, April 7, 2004, in lieu of Friday, April 9, 2004 (Araw ng Kagitingan) shall be a regular holiday throughout the country.

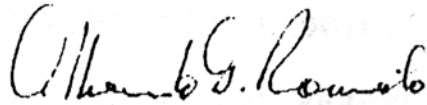
SECTION 2. Saturday, April 10, 2004 shall be a special (non-working) day throughout the country.

All activities and celebrations for the historical milestone in observance of "Araw ng Kagitingan" shall be observed on April 7, 2004.

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

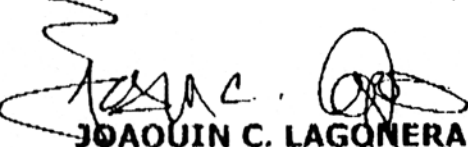
Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of **March**, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

By order of the President:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:



JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary

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