

MALACANAN PALACE
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 7

DECLARING THAT THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE HAS BEEN FREED FROM ENEMY OCCUPATION AND CONTROL FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DEBT MORATORIUM ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25 DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1944, AS AMENDED.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare, for the purposes of the debt moratorium established by Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, as amended by Executive Order No. 32, dated March 10, 1945, that the Province of Leyte has been freed from enemy occupation and control as of the date of this Proclamation, and that the debt moratorium will not apply to debts and monetary obligations contracted in that province after the date of this Proclamation.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.


SERGIO OSMEÑA

President of the Philippines

By the President:


JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Office of the President
of the Philippines

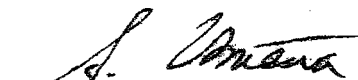
P R O C L A M A T I O N

MY BELOVED PEOPLE:

The American forces of liberation under the brilliant leadership of General MacArthur have destroyed the enemy army defending Leyte, established control of Mindoro, and now stand firmly on the soil of Luzon within striking distance of our Capital City. This is the answer to our prayers of many long months. The decisive hour in the Battle of the Philippines has arrived.

General MacArthur has called upon us to rally behind him and I know that every patriot, guerrilla and civilian, will heed that call so that the enemy may feel the full strength of our outraged people. Rally to his forces with your utmost so that his burden of battle may be lightened. Rise to noble heights as a liberty-loving people. Acquit yourselves with courage and honor worthy of the sacred memory of our departed heroes.

God defend our cause! God strengthen our arms!
God speed the day of our deliverance!



SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines