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Manila

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 149

**DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2002 AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING DAY IN
COMMEMORATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY**

WHEREAS, the 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;

WHEREAS, love and respect for the Constitution will promote and strengthen the ideals of patriotism, good citizenship, active participation in the social, political and economic development of the country and respect for the rule of law and democratic principles;

WHEREAS, in order to instill in the hearts and minds of the Filipinos the noble and lofty ideals enshrined in the Constitution, it is but fitting to give the people the opportunity to celebrate Constitution Day with fitting ceremonies in the entire country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare and proclaim February 2, 2002 as a special non-working day to give the people opportunity to celebrate Constitution day with fitting ceremonies in the entire country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this *24th* day of *January*, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:

Alberto G. Romulo
ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

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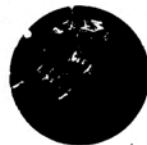
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