

PROCLAMATION NO. 170

DECLARING APRIL 8, 2002, MONDAY, AS A REGULAR (NON-WORKING) HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND APRIL 9, 2002, TUESDAY, AS A REGULAR WORKING DAY IN COMMEMORATION OF ARAW NG KAGITINGAN

WHEREAS, "Araw ng Kagitingan", which is observed as a regular holiday on April 9 of each year, is a fitting recognition and tribute to the heroism of our countrymen, who fought and died in the struggle to defend our freedom and democracy;

WHEREAS, the commemoration of "Araw ng Kagitingan" falls on a Tuesday this year;

WHEREAS, a longer weekend encourages families to travel and get together, with a view to strengthening their relationships towards a more productive environment;

WHEREAS, a longer weekend also promotes domestic tourism and enables employers to plan their work schedules effectively and efficiently, resulting in improved productivity;

WHEREAS, to enable our countrymen to avail of the benefits of a longer weekend, the Secretary of the Department of Tourism has recommended that April 8, 2002 be declared as a regular (non-working) holiday, instead of April 9, 2002, provided that the historical significance of "Araw ng Kagitingan" is maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare April 8, 2002, Monday, as a regular (non-working) holiday throughout the country.

All activities and celebrations for the historical milestones in observance of "Araw ng Kagitingan" shall remain to be observed on April 9, 2002, Tuesday, which shall be a regular working day, to enable all government officials and employees to participate fully in the activities and celebrations for this historical commemoration.



The Department of Labor and Employment is hereby directed to issue the appropriate circulars in implementation of this Proclamation in the private sector.

City of Manila, April 2, 2002.

By the President:

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Alberto G. Romulo
ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary



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