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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 237

DECLARING FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2002, AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVAO

WHEREAS, the City of Davao has traditionally held a week-long Kadayawan festival on the month of August as a thanksgiving by the people of the City of Davao and its local government for the abundant harvests of fruits and other farm produce and the lush growth of flowering ornamental plants;

WHEREAS, the Kadayawan festival is also an occasion for the various indigenous communities to display their peculiar cultural sports and distinct tribal arts, crafts and their significant contributions to Davao City's development and rich culture;

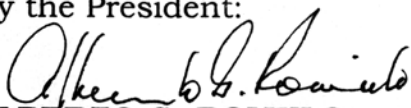
WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the people of the City of Davao be given full opportunity to celebrate this event with appropriate ceremonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Book I, Chapter 7, Section 27 of the Administrative Code of 1987, do hereby declare Friday, August 23, 2002, as a special non-working day in the City of Davao. This supercedes the previous proclamation for August 16, 2002.

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 20th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary



