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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 138

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO LEAD THE 2004 CELEBRATION OF ARAW NG KAGITINGAN ON APRIL 7, 2004 INSTEAD OF APRIL 9, 2004

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 131, dated January 20, 2004, directed the Secretary of National Defense to lead the 2004 observance of *Araw ng Kagitingan* and the Philippine Veterans Week;

WHEREAS, this year, "*Araw ng Kagitingan*", coincides with Good Friday, a day of high religious significance to Christians worldwide, especially those in the Philippines;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the Secretary of National Defense to lead the observance of the *2004 Araw ng Kagitingan* on April 7, 2004 instead of April 9, 2004, which falls on a Good Friday.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

Gloria Arroyo



By the President:

Alberto G. Romulo

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Executive Secretary


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