

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 31

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20, 1986, AS JOSEFA LLANES ESCODA DAY IN
THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE.

WHEREAS, the late Josefa Llanes Escoda, the distinguished daughter of Dingras, Ilocos Norte, rose from child leader to an outstanding civic and social worker, successful executive, eminent humanitarian, ambassadress of goodwill, and organizer notably of the National Federation of Women of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, she was killed in Fort Santiago by the Japanese during World War II for her underground activities and invaluable assistance given to war prisoners and allied internees in military and concentration camps, a gallant lady and outstanding patriot to the end; and

WHEREAS, our nation should accord proper honors and memorialize this great wartime heroine worthy of emulation especially by our Filipino womanhood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare Saturday, September 20, 1986, as "JOSEFA LLANES ESCODA DAY" in the Province of Ilocos Norte. It shall, however, be a regular and school day.

Done in the City of Manila this 9th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

(SGD.) CORAZON C. AQUINO
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) JOKER P. ARROYO
Executive Secretary