

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 996

DECLARING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2006, AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY IN THE CITY OF TARLAC

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 940 dated October 27, 2005 converted the City of Tarlac from a component city into a highly urbanized city;

WHEREAS, said proclamation shall take effect upon ratification in a plebiscite by the qualified voters therein; and

WHEREAS, it is but fitting and proper that qualified voters of the City of Tarlac be given full opportunity to participate in the said plebiscite.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA, Executive Secretary, by authority of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare Saturday, February 18, 2006, as special (non-working) day in the City of Tarlac.

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 14thday of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

By authority of the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary,

JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA

Senior Deputy Executive Secretary