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MANILA

PROCLAMATION NO. 1841

DECLARING THE REGULAR HOLIDAYS, SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAYS, AND SPECIAL HOLIDAY (FOR ALL SCHOOLS) FOR THE YEAR 2010

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9492, dated July 24, 2007, amended Section 26, Chapter 7 Book I of Executive Order (EO) No. 292, also known as the Administrative Code of 1987, by declaring certain days (specific or movable) as special or regular holidays;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9492 provides that holidays, except those which are religious in nature, are moved to the nearest Monday unless otherwise modified by law, order or proclamation;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9492 provides that the *Eid'l Adha* shall be celebrated as a regional holiday in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, in order to foster closer family ties and enable our countrymen to observe Christmas more meaningful, it is but fitting to declare December 24 (Friday) as an additional special (non-working) day throughout the country; this will also serve to strengthen family relationships by providing a longer week-end and renewing ties for a longer period of time, as well as promote domestic tourism;

WHEREAS, the EDSA People Power Revolution, which restored and ushered political, social and economic reforms in the country, serves as an inspiration to Filipinos everywhere as a nation and as a people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The following regular holidays and special days for the year 2010 shall be observed in the country:

A. Regular Holidays

New Year's Day	-	January 1
Maundy Thursday	-	April 1
Good Friday	-	April 2
Araw ng Kagitingan	-	April 9 (Friday)
Labor Day	-	May 1
Independence Day	-	June 14 (Monday nearest June 12)
National Heroes Day	-	August 30 (Last Monday of August)
Bonifacio Day	-	November 29 (Monday nearest November 30)
Christmas Day	-	December 25 (Saturday)
Rizal Day	-	December 27 (Monday nearest December 30)

B. Special (Non-Working) Days

Ninoy Aquino Day	-	August 23 (Monday nearest August 21)
All Saints Day	-	November 1 (Monday)
Additional Special (Non-Working) Day	-	December 24 (Friday)
Last Day of the Year	-	December 31 (Friday)

C. Special Holiday (for all schools)

EDSA Revolution Anniversary	-	February 22 (Monday nearest February 25)

SECTION 2. The proclamation declaring a national holiday for the observance of *Eid'l Fitr* shall hereafter be issued after the approximate date of the Islamic holiday has been determined in accordance with the Islamic calendar (*Hijra*) or the lunar calendar, or upon Islamic astronomical calculations, whichever is possible or convenient. To this end, the Office on Muslim Affairs shall inform the Office of the President on which day the holiday shall fall.

SECTION 3. In order to bring the religious and cultural significance of the *Eid'l Adha* to the fore of national consciousness, a proclamation declaring a national holiday shall also hereafter be likewise issued after the approximate date of the Islamic holiday has been determined in accordance with the Islamic calendar (*Hijra*) or the lunar calendar, or upon Islamic astronomical calculations, whichever is possible or convenient. To this end, the Office on Muslim Affairs shall inform the Office of the President on which day the holiday shall fall.

SECTION 4. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall promulgate the implementing guidelines for this Proclamation.
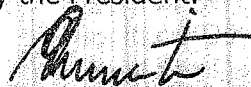
SECTION 5. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 6. This Proclamation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

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 21ST day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

By the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary