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PROCLAMATION NO. 292

**DECLARING DECEMBER 24, 2002 AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, December 25, 2002, Christmas Day and December 31, 2002, the Last Day of the Year, are non-working holidays throughout the country;

WHEREAS, December 24, 2002 falls on a Tuesday and December 25, 2002, Christmas Day, falls on a Wednesday;

WHEREAS, December 24 has, in the past, been declared a special public holiday;

WHEREAS, by tradition, the Filipinos celebrate the Christmas holidays by visiting their families, relatives and friends;

WHEREAS, to give the Filipino people full opportunity to celebrate and enjoy the Christmas holidays with their families, relatives and friends, it is necessary to declare December 24, 2002 as a special (non-working) day throughout the country without prejudice to the public interest;

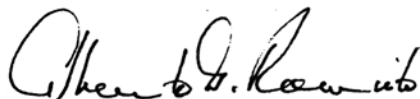
WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Tourism recommends the issuance of this Proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare December 24, 2002 as a special (non-working) day throughout the country.

City of Manila, 18 November 2002.



By the President:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary



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