## MALACAÑANG Manila



## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 120

## **DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE AS THE RODEO CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS,** the Province of Masbate is part of Region 5 and situated in the heart of the Philippine archipelago which has three main islands such as the Burias Island with two municipalities, the Ticao Island with four municipalities, and the Masbate Mainland with fourteen municipalities and one city;

**WHEREAS**, the main source of industry of the Province of Masbate are fishing, coconut "copra", and cattle raising. The latter being the trade mark, Masbate was called the "Cattle Country of the Philippines" which was the basis for the conceptualization of the so-called "Rodeo Masbateño";

**WHEREAS,** the provincial government is 1993 had launched the first "Rodeo Masbateño" with the objective to promote revenues, tourism and international recognition as well as to uplift the political and socioeconomic strata of the province;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO,** President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the Province of Masbate as the Rodeo Capital of the Philippines.

Done in the City of Manila, this  $2^{nol}$  day of SEP , in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

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