MALACAÑANG MANILA

PROCLAMATION NO.323

DECLARING THE PERIOD 14 TO 21 MARCH 1994 AS THE MUSLIM EID'L FITR (HARIRAYA PUASA) FESTIVAL WEEK.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to promote, encourage and develop awareness of and active participation in significant events celebrated by our Muslim brothers and sisters;

WHEREAS, it is a tradition among Muslims of the Philippines and all over the world to observe Ramadhan, the season of fasting, a month characterized by contemplative prayers and abstinence;

WHEREAS, under the Muslim Lunar Calendar (hijra) or upon Islamic astronomical calculations, the Eid'l Fitr, which commemorates the end of fasting, falls on the 14th day of March 1994;

WHEREAS, the Philippines joins Muslims all over the world in the spirit of cooperation and amity in the most festive season in the Islamic calendar;

WHEREAS, it is but proper and fitting that this proclamation, consistent with P. D. No. 291 of 12 September 1973, as amended by P. D. 322 of 26 October 1973 be issued to instill and promote awareness and/or consciousness on this culminating festival after the Ramadhan as a positive instrument towards national unity, reconciliation, development and identity as a nation together with our Muslim brothers and sisters in the south and all over the world with a closer appreciation of their culture, history, ideals and aspirations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period of 14 to 21 March 1994 as "Eid'l Fitr (Hariraya Puasa) Festival Week."

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 3/5 day of January in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

By the President:

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TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR. Executive Secretary

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