

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 653

DIRECTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED TO
COMMEMORATE ANNUALLY THE ANNIVERSARIES OF
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS RELATED TO THE LIBERATION OF THE
PHILIPPINES DURING WORLD WAR II

WHEREAS, the country successfully commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of World War II events leading to the liberation of the Philippines from the Japanese Occupation Forces from 20 October 1944 to 9 September 1945;

WHEREAS, such commemoration appropriately called attention to the heroism and gallantry of Filipino war veterans who carried on the armed struggle against the enemy during those dark days, as well as the spirit of sacrifice of Filipino civilians who bore their sufferings with dignity and equanimity;

WHEREAS, the commemoration served to awaken in the people, particularly the youth, a renewed consciousness of the eternal values of democracy, freedom, peace and love of country;

WHEREAS, these World War II events should be continuously observed, to honor our war veterans as well as to instill in the peoples' hearts and minds the desire to preserve our freedom and our way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the annual observance of the World War II events listed below and designate the Local Government Units concerned to undertake fitting commemorative rites and activities:

Leyte Gulf Landings	17-20 October
2. Landing in Mindoro Island	15-16 December
3. Lingayen Gulf Landing	7-9 January
4. Retaking of Clark Air Field	28 January
5. Landing in San Narciso, Zambales	29 January
6. Liberation of the POW Camp in Cabanatuan City	30 January
7. Liberation of Olor gapo City	30 January
8. Landing in Nasugbu, Batangas	31 January
9. Liberation of Tagaytay, Cavite	3 February
10. Liberation of Manila	3 February - 3 March
11. Liberation of San Jose, Nueva Ecija (Gateway to Cagayan Valley)	4 February
12. Landing in Mariveles, Bataan	15 February
13. Retaking of Nichols Air Field and Fort William Mckinley, Rizal	15 - 16 February
4. Retaking of Corregidor Island	16 February

15. Liberation of Pasig	19 February
16. Liberation of Los Baños, Laguna	23 February
17. Landing in Puerto Princesa, Palawan	28 February
18. Liberation of Sta. Cruz, Laguna	5 March
19. Landing in Zamboanga City	10-11 March
20. Liberation of Panay and Romblon	18 March
21. Liberation of Bauang, La Union	19 March
22. Landing in Talisay, Cebu	26 March
23. Landing in Negros Island	29 March
24. Liberation of Lipa City	29 March
25. Landing in Masbate Island	29 March
26. Landing in Legaspi City	1 April
27. Landing in Jolo Island	9 April
28. Landing in Cotabato and Liberation of Pikit and Parang	17-20 April
29. Liberation of Dumagueta City	26 April
30. Liberation of Baguio City	27 April
31. Liberation of Digos, Davao	28 April
32. Liberation of Davao City	3 May
33. Battle of Balete Pass	10-13 May
34. Battle of Bessang Pass	12 May - 14 June
35. Battle of Malepunyo	14 May
36. Battle of Ipo Dam	17 - 19 May
37. Liberation of Malaybalay, Bukidnon	20 May
38. Liberation of Iligan, Isabela	18 June
39. Liberation of Tuguegarao, Cagayan	25 June
40. Liberation of Aparri, Cagayan	27 June
41. Surrender of General Yamashita, Kiangnan, Ifugao	2 September
42. End of World War II in Baguio City	3 September
43. Victory Day in Negros Island	9 September

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 18th day of September in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.



By the President:



RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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