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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 810

DECLARING JUNE 19, 1996 AS "SAKADA DAY" IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF ISABELO DE LOS REYES KNOWN AS THE "FATHER OF LABOR"

**WHEREAS**, the Ilocano laborers and farmers known as Sakadas were recruited in 1946 to work in the sugar and pineapple plantations in Hawaii, then a Pacific territorial island of the United States of America;

**WHEREAS**, these hardworking Ilocano migrant workers and their offspring, who later were able to migrate to the United States, have greatly contributed in improving the economy of their host country, and, at the same time provided relief to the then war-devastated economy of the Philippine through their continuous dollar remittances sent in to Filipino relatives;

**WHEREAS**, the Ilocano migrant workers or Sakadas have become instrumental in the development of Philippine labor, stabilization of the country's economy and in giving back the sense of pride and dignity to labor;

**WHEREAS**, Don Isabelo de los Reyes, a native of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, and the "Father of Labor" in the Philippines had worked immensely in developing the country's labor force as indispensable partner in our economic growth and nation building;

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to give the people of Ilocos Sur and the concerned and the concerned national and local government officials enough opportunities to prepare for this special event;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare June 19, 1996 as "Sakada Day" in the Province of Ilocos Sur, and in recognition of the outstanding contributions of Isabelo de los Reyes, known as the "Father of Labor". The day, however, shall be a regular working and school day.

**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 17th day of June in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.



By the President:



**RUBÉN D. TORRES**  
Executive Secretary

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