MALACAÑANG MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 919

DECLARING THE PERIOD 22 TO 23 AND 25 TO 26 OF NOVEMBER 1996 AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAYS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND OLONGAPO CITY

WHEREAS, the Philippines will be hosting the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings in Manila and Subic on November 22 to 26, 1996, which event has been acknowledged as the major economic and diplomatic event in the region;

WHEREAS, the delegates and observers from seventeen participating economies and the international media will be in Metro Manila and Subic during the scheduled meeting dates;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure a free and unhampered flow of traffic in the said areas to maximize the productive hours of the delegates;

WHEREAS, the regular heavy traffic conditions cannot otherwise be eased if normal working schedules are observed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby deciare the period November 22 to 23 and 25 to 26, 1996 as special non-working holidays in the National Capital Region and Olongapo City, except for the following:

- a. Banks
- b. Hotels and restaurants
- c. Utility companies
- d. Construction companies, and
- e. Manufacturing companies.

To ensure efficient traffic management during this period, the Metro Manila Development Authority and the Philippine National Police are hereby tasked to adopt measures as may be needed for the purpose, including the establishment of Special APEC Friendship Lanes along the APEC routes.

DONE in the City of Manila, this $/\mathcal{V}$ day of $\mathcal{N} \circ \mathcal{V}$ in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

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By the President:

RUBEN D. TORRES Executive Secretary



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