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PROCLAMATION NO. 173

DECLARING TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2002, AS A NATIONAL WORKING HOLIDAY AND AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS AND IN THE CITIES OF BATANGAS, LIPA AND TANAUAN

WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, marks the centennial celebration of the end of the Philippine-American War;

WHEREAS, the day also marks the day when General Miguel Malvar, a trueblooded Batangueño and the last President of the Philippine Revolutionary Government surrendered to the Americans;

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that this day is celebrated as a milestone in the history of the Filipino people, especially by the Batangueños;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me in Book I, Chapter 7, Section 27, of the Administrative Code of 1987, do hereby declare Tuesday, April 16, 2002, as a national working holiday and as a special non-working holiday in the Province of Batangas and in the Cities of Batangas, Lipa and Tanauan.

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 9th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO Executive Secretary

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