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## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 280

## DECLARING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2002, AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING DAY IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON

WHEREAS, Monday, November 4, 2002, marks the 161<sup>st</sup> death anniversary of Apolinario de la Cruz, better known as "Hermano Pule", the great man from Lukban, Quezon;

WHEREAS, Hermano Pule rendered invaluable service in our country by founding the brotherhood popularly known as Confradia De Jesus;

WHEREAS, the brotherhood or religious organization that Hermano Pule founded spread like wildfire in the Province of Tayabas (now Quezon, Laguna and some towns in Batangas) which historical research has proved as one way of showing nationalism during that time;

WHEREAS, in line with the Decade of Nationalism, Nationhood and the Philippine Revolutionary Movement, it is fitting and proper to honor and emulate the heroism and patriotism of Apolinario (Hermano Pule) de la Cruz and give the people of Quezon Province full opportunity to commemorate the event with appropriate ceremonies.

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 Monday, November 4, 2002, as a special non-working day in the Province of Quezon.

**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 24th day of 0ctober, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:

LBERTO G. ROMULO Executive Secretary

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