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## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 298

DECLARING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2002, AS A REGULAR HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE EID-UL-FITRE (FEAST OF RAMADAN)

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9177 declared EID-UL-FITR as a regular holiday;

WHEREAS, the date on which the EID-UL-FITRE (Feast of Ramadan) falls varies from year to year, depending on the sighting of the new moon;

WHEREAS, the EID-UL-FITRE (Feast of Ramadan) for the year 2002 has been determined to fall on Friday, December 6, 2002;

WHEREAS, to promote cultural understanding and integration, the entire Filipino nation should have the full opportunity to join our Muslim brothers and sisters in observing and celebrating this important day;

WHEREAS, in order to bring the religious and cultural significance of the EID-UL-FITRE (Feast of Ramadan) to the fore of national consciousness, and upon the recommendation of the Office of Muslim Affairs, it is necessary to declare Friday, December 6, 2002, as a special non-working day throughout the country without prejudice to the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and upon recommendation of the OMA, do hereby declare Friday December 6, 2002, as a regular holiday throughout the country to commemorate the EID-UL-FITRE (Feast of Ramadan) for the year 2002.

**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 2nd day of Dec , in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO Executive Secretary

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