MALACAÑANG Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 788

DECLARING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2005, AS SPECIAL (NON-**WORKING) DAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8973 dated November 7, 2000, which provides for the creation of the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay from the Province of Zamboanga del Sur was ratified on February 24, 2001;

WHEREAS, Thursday, February 24, 2005, marks the 4th Charter Day anniversary of the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay;

WHEREAS, it is but fitting and proper that the people of the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay be given full opportunity to celebrate this milestone in their province's history with appropriate ceremonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA, Executive Secretary, by authority of Her Excellency, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, do hereby declare Thursday, February 24, 2005, as special (non-working) day in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay.

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 February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

By authority of the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA

Senior Deputy Executive Secretary