MALACAÑANG Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 849

DECLARING MONDAY MAY 30, 2005, AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF CEBU

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives approved and passed Resolution No. 37, dated July 26, 2004 certifying the existence of a vacancy in the House of Representatives for the Fifth District of Cebu and calling for a special election to fill such vacancy;

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 30, 2005, the Commission on Elections will conduct Special Elections for the Member of the House of Representatives for the Fifth District of Cebu pursuant to COMELEC Resolution No. 7504, promulgated on May 24, 2005;

WHEREAS, in order to give opportunity to the electorate concerned to participate in such political exercise, there is a need to declare a special (non-working) day for the conduct of a special elections for the member of the House of Representatives in the Fifth District of Cebu.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA, Executive Secretary, by authority of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare Monday, May 30, 2005, as special (non-working) day in the Fifth District of Cebu.

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 26th day of May, 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