MALACAÑANG Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1496

DECLARING MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008, AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY IN BUTUAN CITY

WHEREAS, Monday, May 19, 2008, the City of Butuan celebrates Balangay Festival honoring the feast day of its patron saint, Saint Joseph;

WHEREAS, it is but fitting and proper that the people of the City of Butuan be given full opportunity to celebrate the occasion with appropriate ceremonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA, Executive Secretary, by authority of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL—ARROYO**, do hereby declare Monday, May 19, 2008, as special (non-working) day in Butuan City.

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 $9\,\mathrm{th}$ day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

By authority of the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA

Senior Deputy Executive Secretary