MALACAÑANG Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1604

DECLARING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008, AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE

WHEREAS, Thursday, September 11, 2008, marks the birth anniversary of the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos in the Province of Ilocos Norte, to be known as the "Marcos Day";

WHEREAS, the commemoration will exemplify the values and attributes of his exemplary leadership to be emulated by all the leaders of the Province of Ilocos Norte and the youth, the future of the next generation;

WHEREAS, it is but fitting and proper that the people of the Province of Ilocos Norte, 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 Thursday, September 11, 2008, as special (non-working) day in the Province of Ilocos Norte.

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 28th day of August , in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

By authority of the President:

E**ÚUARDO R. ERMITA**

Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secrétary:

JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA

Senior Deputy Executive Secretary