MALACAÑANG Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO.1737

DECLARING MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 AS "GENERAL PACIANO RIZAL DAY" IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA

WHEREAS, Monday, March 9, 2009, marks the commemoration of the heroism and patriotism of the revolutionary hero, General Paciano Rizal;

WHEREAS, General Paciano Rizal rendered invaluable service to our country and to the Filipino people as an active member of the Katipunan, as Zone Commander of the Filipino forces in Laguna at the outbreak of the Philippine-American War;

WHEREAS, it is but fitting and proper to honor and recognize noble deed, sacrifice and unwavering love for the country of General Paciano Rizal and to give the people of the Province of Laguna 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, March 9, 2009 as "General Paciano Rizal Day" in the Province of Laguna.

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 5th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

By authority of the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

JOAQUÎN C. LAGONERA

Senior Deputy Executive Secretary