## MALACAÑANG Manila

## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

## PROCLAMATION NO. 1880

## DECLARING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 AS A REGULAR HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN OBSERVANCE OF EID'L FITR (FEAST OF RAMADHAN)

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9177 declared *Eid'l Fitr* (Feast of Ramadhan) as a regular holiday throughout the country;

WHEREAS, *Eid'l Fitr* is celebrated by the Muslim World for three (3) days after the end of the month of fasting;

WHEREAS, the main date for the celebration of *Eid'l Fitr* for the year 2009 has been determined by the Office on Muslim Affairs to fall on Monday, September 21, 2009 in accordance with the Islamic calendar (Hijra) or the lunar calendar;

WHEREAS, to promote cultural understanding and integration, the entire Filipino Nation should have the full opportunity to join their Muslim brothers and sisters in the observance and celebration of *Eid'l Fitr*;

WHEREAS, in order to bring the religious and cultural significance of the *Eid'l Fitr* to the fore of national consciousness, it is necessary to declare Monday, September 21, 2009 as a regular holiday throughout the country;

NOW THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare Monday, September 21, 2009 as a regular holiday throughout the country.

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 8<sup>16</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

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By the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA Executive Secretary

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