

[PROCLAMATION NO. 117, December 13, 2016]

**DECLARING 26 DECEMBER 2016 (MONDAY) AND 2 JANUARY 2017 (MONDAY), AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAYS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, 25 December 2016 (Christmas Day) and 1 January 2017 (New Year's Day) both fall on a Sunday and are regular holidays throughout the country;

WHEREAS, the declaration of 26 December 2016 and 2 January 2017, both falling on a Monday, as special (non-working) days will give the people full opportunity to celebrate the holidays with their families and loved ones;

WHEREAS, a longer weekend promotes domestic tourism and enables employers to plan their work schedules effectively and efficiently, resulting in improved productivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MENARDO I. GUEVARRA, Acting Executive Secretary, by authority of the President, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, do hereby declare 26 December 2016 and 2 January 2017, both falling on a Monday, as special (non-working) days throughout the country.

The Department of Labor and Employment is hereby directed to issue the appropriate circular to implement this Proclamation for the private sector.

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 13th day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen

By authority of the President.

(SGD.) MENARDO I. GUEVARRA
Acting Executive Secretary

By the Acting Executive Secretary:

(SGD.) RYAN ALVIN R. ACOSTA
Acting Deputy Executive Secretary
for Legal Affairs
