[PROCLAMATION NO. 360, March 29, 2012]

DECLARING SATURDAY, 7 APRIL 2012, AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Saturday, 7 April 2012 falls between Good Friday and Easter Sunday;

WHEREAS, Black Saturday, falling between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, has been traditionally declared a special (non-working) day throughout the country;

WHEREAS, the observance of Holy Week is one of our people's most cherished traditions;

WHEREAS, our people must be given the full and uninterrupted opportunity to ponder on the significance of the Holy Week and to properly observe its traditions with religious fervor, without prejudice to public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare Saturday, 7 April 2012 as a special (non-working) day throughout the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29 th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

(SGD.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO, JR. President of the Philippines

By Authority of the President:

(SGD.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR. *Executive Secretary*

