

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 753, January 03, 2005 ]**

**DECLARING FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2005, AS THE DAY OF  
NATIONAL PRAYER AND MOURNING FOR ALL TSUNAMI VICTIMS**

**WHEREAS**, the tsunami that hit the Asian region on December 26, 2004 has tolled on hundreds of thousands of human lives, including some Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, this tragedy in the neighboring Asian countries has caused deep sorrow and grief not only to the people of the affected countries, but also among our people;

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting to set aside a day of national prayer and mourning to express the Filipinos' grief over the tsunami's human toll.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare a day of national prayer and mourning on Friday, January 7, 2005. On this day, the entire nation is enjoined to offer prayers for all the tsunami victims.

**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 3rd day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

By order of the President:  
**(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
*Executive Secretary*

By the Executive Secretary:  
**(Sgd.) JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA**  
*Senior Deputy Executive Secretary*



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