

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 839, May 10, 2005 ]**

**DECLARING OCTOBER 31, 2005 (MONDAY) AND DECEMBER 26, 2005 (MONDAY), AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAYS AND  
DECLARING NOVEMBER 30, 2005 (WEDNESDAY), AS A  
WORKING DAY, WHILE AUTHORIZING NOVEMBER 28, 2005  
(MONDAY), AS A NON-WORKING HOLIDAY, THROUGHOUT THE  
COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, December 26, 2005 (Monday), may be declared as an additional day-off pursuant to Section 9, Rule IV of the Omnibus rules Implementing the Labor Code, which states that "where a regular holiday falls on a Sunday, the following day shall be considered a special holiday for purposes of the Labor Code, unless said day is also a regular holiday;

**WHEREAS**, October 31, 2005 (Monday) may also be declared as a special day to give our people more time to observe All Saints day;

**WHEREAS**, November 28, 2005 (Monday) may also be declared as a non-working holiday while November 30, 2005 (Wednesday) may be declared a working day, provided that all activities and celebration in observance of "Bonifacio Day" shall remain to be observed on November 30, 2005 (Wednesday); and

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

**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 the following:

**SECTION 1.** October 31, 2005 (Monday) and December 26, 2005 (Monday) shall be special (non-working) days throughout the country.

**SECTION 2.** November 30, 2005 (Wednesday) shall be a working day, while November 28, 2005 (Monday) shall be the non-working holiday throughout the country.

All activities and celebrations in observance of "Bonifacio Day" shall, however, remain to be observed on November 30, 2005 (Wednesday).

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor and Employment shall issue the appropriate guidelines to implement this Proclamation.

**SECTION 4.** This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.