

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 583, March 18, 2004 ]**

**DECLARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2004, IN LIEU OF FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2004 (ARAW NG KAGITINGAN) AS A REGULAR HOLIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2004, AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.**

**WHEREAS**, Maunday Thursday, which falls on April 8, 2004 and Good Friday, which falls on April 9, 2004 are both regular holidays;

**WHEREAS**, this year, "Araw ng Kagitingan", April 9, 2004, coincides with Good Friday;

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, April 10, 2004 falls between Good Friday and Easter Sunday;

**WHEREAS**, the Saturday falling between Good Friday and Easter Sunday has been declared a special day throughout the country in the past;

**WHEREAS**, it is important that said events be observed with meaningful and appropriate activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERTO G. ROMULO**, Executive Secretary, by order of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, do hereby declare:

**SECTION 1.** Wednesday, April 7, 2004, In lieu of Friday, April 9, 2004 (Araw ng Kagitingan) shall be a regular holiday throughout the country.

**SECTION 2.** Saturday, April 10, 2004 shall be a special (non-working) day throughout the country.

All activities and celebrations for the historical milestone in observance of "Araw ng Kagitingan" shall be observed on April 7, 2004.

**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 18th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

By order of the President:  
**(Sgd.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO**  
*Executive Secretary*

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