

Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1699

DECLARING THE REGULAR HOLIDAYS AND THE SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAYS FOR THE YEAR 2009

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9492, dated July 24, 2007, amended Section 26, Chapter 7, Book 1 of Executive Order (EO) No. 292, also known as the Administrative Code of 1987, by declaring certain days (specific or movable) as special or regular holidays;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9492 provides that holidays, except those which are religious in nature, are moved to the nearest Monday unless otherwise modified by law, order or proclamation;

WHEREAS, May 1 (Labor Day) has been celebrated on its exact days as a long cherished tradition of workers who fought very hard to institutionalize such a holiday in the country, as well as an international event celebrated on such exact date;

WHEREAS, in order to foster closer family ties during All Saints Day, as well as to enable our countrymen to observe Christmas more meaningfully, declaring November 2 (Monday) and December 24 (Thursday) as additional special (non-working) day throughout the country will strengthen the family relationship by providing longer weekends and renew ties for a longer period of time, as well as to promote domestic tourism.

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 order:

SECTION 1. The following regular holidays and special days for the year 2009 shall be observed in the country:

A. Regular Holidays	
Maundy Thursday	April 9
Good Friday	April 10
Araw ng Kagitingan	April 6 (Monday), Monday nearest April 9
Labor Day	May 1 (Friday)
Independence Day	June 12 (Friday)
National Heroes Day	August 31 (Monday), Last Monday of August
Bonifacio Day	November 30 (Monday)
Rizal Day	December 30 (Wednesday)
B. Special (Non-Working) Days	
Ninoy Aquino Day	August (Friday)
All Saints Day	November 1 (Sunday)
Additional special (non-working) day	November 2 (Monday)
Additional special (non-working) day	December 24 (Thursday)

SECTION 2. The proclamation declaring a national holiday for the observance of *Eid' l Fitr* shall hereafter be issued after the approximate date of the Islamic holiday calendar, or upon Islamic astronomical calculations, whichever is possible or convenient. This end, the Office on Muslim Affairs shall inform the Office of the President on which day the holiday shall fall.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall promulgate the implementing guidelines for this Proclamation.

SECTION 4. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. This Proclamation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

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 24th day of December in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

(Sgd) GLORIA M. ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd) EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila
Thirteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of July, two thousand and six.

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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9492]

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL HOLIDAYS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7, BOOK I OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order No. 292, as amended, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 26, Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Days. – (1) Unless otherwise modified by law, and or proclamation, the following regular holidays and special days shall be observed in the country:

a) Regular Holidays

New year’s Day	-	January 1
Maundy Thursday	-	Movable date
Good Friday	-	Movable date
Eidul Fitr	-	Movable date
Araw ng Kagitingan (Bataan and Corregidor Day)	-	Monday nearest April 9
Labor Day	-	Monday nearest May 1
Independence Day	-	Monday nearest June 12
National Heroes Day	-	Last Monday of August
Bonifacio Day	-	Monday nearest November 30
Christmas Day	-	December 25
Rizal Day	-	Monday nearest December 30

b) Nationwide Special Holidays:

Ninoy Aquino Day	-	Monday nearest August 21
All Saints Day	-	November 1

Last Day of the Year

- December 31

- c) In the event the holiday falls on a Wednesday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday of the week. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday that follows:

Provided, That for movable holidays, the President shall issue a proclamation, at least six months prior to the holiday concerned, the specific date that shall be declared as a nonworking day:

Provided, however, The Eidul Adha shall be celebrated as a regional holiday in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.”

SEC. 2. All laws, orders, presidential issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

(Sgd.) **JOSE DE VENECIA JR.**
Speaker of the House of Representatives

(Sgd.) **MANNY VILLAR**
President of the Senate

This Act which originated in the Senate was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on January 30, 2007 and February 7, 2007, respectively.

(Sgd.) **ROBERTO P. NAZARENO**
Secretary General House of
Representatives

(Sgd.) **OSCAR G. YABES**
Secretary of the Senate

Approved: July 25, 2007

(Sgd.) **GLORIA MACAPAGAL – ARROYO**
President of the Philippines