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DECLARING APRIL 7, 2003 AS A SPECIAL DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Proclamation No. 351 dated April 1, 2003 entitled "**Declaring April 7, 2003, Monday, as a Special Day Throughout the Country and April 9, 2003, Wednesday, as a Regular Working Day in Commemoration of Araw ng Kagitingan**".
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

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Reference:
DepEd Memorandum: No. 104, s. 2003

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 351

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DECLARING APRIL 7, 2003, MONDAY, AS A SPECIAL DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND APRIL 9, 2003, WEDNESDAY, AS A REGULAR WORKING DAY IN COMMEMORATION OF ARAW NG KAGITINGAN

WHEREAS, "Araw ng Kagitingan", which is observed as a regular holiday on April 9 of each year, is a fitting recognition and tribute to the heroism of our countrymen, who fought and died in the struggle to defend our freedom and democracy;

WHEREAS, the commemoration of "Araw ng Kagitingan" falls on a Wednesday this year;

WHEREAS, a longer weekend encourages families to travel and get together, with a view to strengthening their relationship towards a more productive environment;

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

WHEREAS, to enable our countrymen to avail of the benefits of a longer weekend, the Secretary of the Department of Tourism has recommended that April 7, 2003 be declared as a special day, instead of April 9, 2003, provided that the historical significance of "Araw ng Kagitingan" is maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERTO G. ROMULO, by order of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare Monday, April 7, 2003 as a special day throughout the country.

All activities and celebrations for the historical milestones in observance of "Araw ng Kagitingan" shall remain to be observed on April 9, 2003, Wednesday, which shall be a regular working day, to enable all government officials and employees to participate fully in the activities and celebrations for this historical commemoration.

The Department of Labor and Employment is hereby directed to issue appropriate circulars in implementation of this Proclamation in the private sector.

Done in the City of Manila, this *14* day of *April*, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By order of the President:

Alberto G. Romulo
ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

Joquin C. Lagana
JOQUIN C. LAGANA
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary