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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. **176**, s. 2003

**DECLARING THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003, AS A REGULAR WORKING DAY IN  
COMMEMORATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2003,  
AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Chiefs of Divisions

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Proclamation No. 373 from the Office of the President dated May 9, 2003 entitled "Declaring Thursday, June 12, 2003, As a Regular Working Day in Commemoration of Independence Day and Friday, June 13, 2003, As a Special (Non-Working) Day Throughout the Country".
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS**  
Secretary

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: None  
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

**BUREAUS & OFFICES  
CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS  
EMPLOYEES  
OFFICIALS**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 373**

**DECLARING THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003, AS A REGULAR WORKING DAY  
IN COMMEMORATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY AND FRIDAY,  
JUNE 13, 2003, AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, "*Independence Day*", which is observed as a regular holiday on June 12 of each year, recognizes the patriotism and heroism of our countrymen, who struggled for freedom and democracy;

**WHEREAS**, the commemoration of "*Independence Day*" falls on a Thursday this year;

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

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

**WHEREAS**, to enable our countrymen to avail of the benefits of a longer weekend, June 13, 2003 may be declared as a special (non-working) day, instead of June 12, 2003, provided that the historical significance of "*Independence Day*" is maintained.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERTO G. ROMULO**, by order of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare Friday, June 13, 2003 as a special (non-working) day throughout the country.

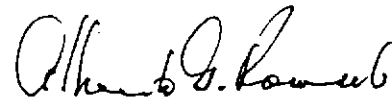
All activities and celebrations for the historical milestones in observance of "*Independence Day*" shall remain to be observed on June 12, 2003, Thursday, which shall be a regular working day, to enable all government officials and

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Three.

By order of the President:



**ALBERTO G. ROMULO**  
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:



**JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA**  
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary

CERTIFIED COPY:

**MARIANITO M. DIMAANBAL**  
Director III

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