

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 507

DECLARING DECEMBER 29 AND 30, 2003, AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, CAMARINES SUR

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 14 of the Constitution provides that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression;

WHEREAS, in celebration of their cultural and regional identity, the Municipality of Calabanga, Camarines Sur is celebrating "The 2nd Bikol Pastores Festival" from December 24 to 31, 2003;

WHEREAS, the State supports the activities and celebrations of "The 2nd Bikol Pastores Festival" that showcase and enrich the cultural and regional identity of the Province of Camarines Sur through music and the arts;

WHEREAS, under Proclamation No. 503, dated November 19, 2003, December 24, 2003 and January 2, 2004 (in lieu of December 30, 2003 which shall be a regular working day) were declared as special (non-working) days throughout the country and December 26, 2003 as special (non-working) day for government employees only;

WHEREAS, in order to give the people of the Municipality of Calabanga, Camarines Sur the opportunity to enjoy and celebrate "The 2nd Bikol Pastores Festival", there is a need to declare December 29 and 30, 2003 as special non-working holidays in the Municipality of Calabanga, Camarines Sur, without prejudice to public interest;

WHEREAS, this Proclamation reflects the policy of the State to preserve and develop the cultural identity of our people, as well as its policy to encourage and promote domestic tourism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERTO G. ROMULO, Executive Secretary, by order of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare December 29 and 30, 2003 as special (non-working) days in the Municipality of Calabanga, Camarines Sur.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of **December**, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By order of the President:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:



JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary



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