

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 720**

**DECLARING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2004, AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON**

**WHEREAS**, Thursday, November 4, 2004, marks the 163<sup>rd</sup> death anniversary of Apolinario de la Cruz, better known as "*Hermano Pule*", the great man from Lukban, Quezon;

**WHEREAS**, Hermano Pule rendered invaluable service in our country by founding the brotherhood popularly known as *Confradia De Jesus*;

**WHEREAS**, the brotherhood or religious organization that Hermano Pule founded spread like wildfire in the Province of Tayabas (now Quezon, Laguna and some towns in Batangas) which historical research has proved as one way of showing nationalism during that time;


**WHEREAS**, in line with the Decade of Nationalism, Nationhood and the Philippine Revolutionary Movement, it is fitting and proper to honor and emulate the heroism and patriotism of Apolinario (Hermano Pule) de la Cruz and give the people of Quezon Province full opportunity to commemorate the event with appropriate ceremonies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA**, Executive Secretary, by order of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare Thursday, November 4, 2004, as special (non-working) day in the Province of Quezon.

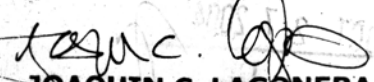
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

By authority of the President:

  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

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