

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1625

DECLARING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008 AS A REGULAR HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT  
THE COUNTRY IN OBSERVANCE OF EID' L FITR (FEAST OF RAMADHAN)

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9177 declared *Eid' l Fitr* (Feast of Ramadhan) as a regular holiday throughout the country;

**WHEREAS**, *Eid' l Fitr* is celebrated by the Muslim World for three (3) days after the end of the month of fasting;

**WHEREAS**, the main date for the celebration of *Eid' l Fitr* for the year 2008 has been determined by the Office on Muslim Affairs to fall on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 in accordance with the Islamic calendar (Hijra) or the lunar calendar;

**WHEREAS**, to promote cultural understanding and integration, the entire Filipino Nation should have the full opportunity to join their Muslim brothers and sisters in the observance and celebration of *Eid' l Fitr*;

**WHEREAS**, in order to bring the religious and cultural significance of the *Eid' l Fitr* to the fore of national consciousness, it is necessary to declare Wednesday, October 1, 2008 as a regular holiday throughout the country;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in my by law, do hereby declare Wednesday, October 1, 2008 as a regular holiday throughout the country.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> day of ~~September~~ in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

*Gloria M. Arroyo*



By the President:

*Eduardo R. Ermita*  
EDUARDO R. ERMITA  
Executive Secretary

