

MALACAÑANG  
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1700

DECLARING FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009, AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING)  
DAY IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN

**WHEREAS**, Friday, January 9, 2009, marks the celebration of Pangasinan Veterans' Day in the Province of Pangasinan;

**WHEREAS**, January 9, 1945 commemorates the triumphant Lingayen Gulf Landing of the Allied Forces which showcased the heroism and bravery of Filipino soldiers, guerillas and civilians but also recognizes the tremendous contributions and valiant sacrifices of our veterans;

**WHEREAS**, it is but fitting and proper that the people of the Province of Pangasinan, be given full opportunity to celebrate the occasion with appropriate ceremonies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA**, Executive Secretary, by authority of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare Friday, January 9, 2009 as special (non-working) day in the Province of Pangasinan.


**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 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

By authority of the President:

  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

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