

MALACAÑANG  
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1687

DECLARING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008, AS SPECIAL (NON-  
WORKING) DAY IN THE CITY OF TACLOBAN

**WHEREAS**, Commission on Elections will conduct the plebiscite on Thursday, December 18, 2008, to ratify the conversion of Tacloban City from a component city into a highly urbanized city;

**WHEREAS**, in order to give the people of the City of Tacloban ample time to exercise their right to vote, there is a need to declare Thursday, December 18, 2008 as special (non-working) day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA**, Executive Secretary, by authority of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare Thursday, December 18, 2008, as special (non-working) day in the City of Tacloban.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

By authority of the President:

  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

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