



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 42

**DECLARING THE REGULAR HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAYS
FOR THE YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9492 dated 24 July 2007 amended Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order (EO) No. 292, also known as the Administrative Code of 1987, by declaring certain days (specific or movable) as special or regular holidays;

WHEREAS, on 25 February 2023, the country will commemorate the 37th Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution, which ushered political, social, and economic reforms in the country;

WHEREAS, Black Saturday, which falls on 08 April 2023, has been traditionally declared a special (non-working) day throughout the country, the observance of Holy Week being one of the most cherished traditions of our predominantly Catholic people;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9256 dated 25 February 2004 declared August 21 of every year as national non-working holiday to commemorate the death anniversary of former Senator Benigno S. Aquino Jr.;

WHEREAS, RA No. 10966 dated 28 December 2017 provides that December 8 of every year shall be celebrated as a special non-working holiday in the entire country to commemorate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary;

WHEREAS, declaring 02 November 2023 (Thursday), as additional special (non-working) day throughout the country will strengthen family ties by providing more time for the traditional All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day activities, as well as promote domestic tourism;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9177 dated 13 November 2002 declared the first day of Shawwal, the tenth month of the Islamic calendar, as a regular holiday throughout the country for the observance of *Eidul Fitr*; and

WHEREAS, RA No. 9849 dated 11 December 2009 provides that the tenth day of Zhul Hijja be declared as a national holiday in observance of *Eidul Adha*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as President of the Philippines, do hereby declare:

SECTION 1. The following regular holidays and special days for the year 2023 shall be observed in the country:

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A. Regular Holidays

New Year's Day	-	1	January (Sunday)
Araw ng Kagitingan	-	9	April (Sunday)
Maundy Thursday	-	6	April
Good Friday	-	7	April
Labor Day	-	1	May (Monday)
Independence Day	-	12	June (Monday)
National Heroes Day	-	28	August (Last Monday of August)
Bonifacio Day	-	30	November (Thursday)
Christmas Day	-	25	December (Monday)
Rizal Day	-	30	December (Saturday)

B. Special (Non-Working) Days

EDSA People Power Revolution Anniversary	-	25	February (Saturday)
Black Saturday	-	08	April
Ninoy Aquino Day	-	21	August (Monday)
All Saints' Day	-	1	November (Wednesday)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary	-	8	December (Friday)
Last Day of the Year	-	31	December (Sunday)
Additional Special (Non-Working) Day	-	2	November (Thursday)

SECTION 2. The proclamations declaring national holidays for the observance of *Eidul Fitr* and *Eidul Adha* shall hereafter be issued after the approximate dates of the Islamic holidays have been determined in accordance with the Islamic calendar (Hijra) or the lunar calendar, or upon Islamic astronomical calculations, whichever is possible or convenient. To this end, the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos shall recommend to the Office of the President the actual dates on which these holidays shall respectively fall.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor and Employment shall promulgate the implementing guidelines for this Proclamation.

SECTION 4. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. This Proclamation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

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 22nd day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Two.

By the President



VICTOR D. RODRIGUEZ
Executive Secretary

