

**Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
Metro Manila  
Thirteenth Congress  
Third Regular Session**

**Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of July, two thousand and six.**

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**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9492 ]**

**AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL HOLIDAYS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7, BOOK I OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order No. 292, as amended, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 26, Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Days. – (1) Unless otherwise modified by law, and or proclamation, the following regular holidays and special days shall be observed in the country:

a. Regular Holidays

New year's Day - January 1  
Maundy Thursday - Movable date  
Good Friday - Movable date  
Eidul Fitr - Movable date  
Araw ng Kagitingan - Monday nearest April 9  
(Bataaan and Corregidor Day)  
Labor Day - Monday nearest May 1  
Independence Day - Monday nearest June 12  
National Heroes Day - Last Monday of August  
Bonifacio Day - Monday nearest November 30  
Christmas Day - December 25  
Rizal Day - Monday nearest December 30

b) Nationwide Special Holidays:

Ninoy Aquino Day - Monday nearest August 21  
All Saints Day - November 1  
Last Day of the Year - December 31

- c. In the event the holiday falls on a Wednesday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday of the week. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday that follows:

Provided, That for movable holidays, the President shall issue a proclamation, at least six months prior to the holiday concerned, the specific date that shall be declared as a nonworking day:

Provided, however, The Eidul Adha shall be celebrated as a regional holiday in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao."

**SEC. 2.** All laws, orders, presidential issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

(Sgd.) **JOSE DE VENECIA JR.**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

(Sgd.) **MANNY VILLAR**  
President of the Senate

This Act which originated in the Senate was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on January 30, 2007 and February 7, 2007, respectively.

(Sgd.) **ROBERTO P. NAZARENO**  
Secretary General House of Representatives

(Sgd.) **OSCAR G. YABES**  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved: July 25, 2007

(Sgd.) **GLORIA MACAPAGAL – ARROYO**

President of the Philippines