



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
Meralco Avenue, Pasig, Metro Manila

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 3, 1999

DECS MEMORANDUM

No. 39, s. 1999

DECLARING FIRST MONDAY OF DECEMBER
AS FATHERS' DAY AND MOTHERS' DAY

To: Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
District Supervisors
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. The late President Manuel L. Quezon declared that "Mother's Day" be celebrated nationwide every first Monday of December. Since then, Mother's Day has been celebrated on the said date until then President Corazon C. Aquino issued Proclamation No. 266 declaring every second Sunday of May as "Mother's Day" and the third Sunday of June as "Father's Day" in the Philippines.
2. President Joseph Ejercito Estrada, through Proclamation No. 58 dated December 11, 1998 declared the first Monday of every year as "Mother's Day" and "Father's Day." This supercedes Proclamation No. 266, dated June 8, 1988. Inclosed is the copy of the Proclamation.
3. Public and private schools are encouraged to promote its observance by holding convocations and similar activities every first Monday of December.
4. Immediate dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

Andrew Gonzalez
ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

Incl.: As stated

Reference: DECS Memorandum: No. 238, s. 1998

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Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 50

DECLARING THE FIRST MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS
"MOTHER'S DAY" AND "FATHER'S DAY"

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that "Marriage, as an inviolable social institution, is the foundation of the family and shall be protected by the State";

WHEREAS, the wholesome growth and normal activities of the family are in the hands of the parents, the wise exercise of whose authority is essential to the fulfillment of the natural and proper ends of the family;

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to dedicate certain days of the year to confer tribute to the important role of the Filipino mothers and fathers in instilling and fostering love, respect, discipline, industry and enterprise within their home and the community where they belong, and to further manifest the ideals and virtues of good parenthood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the first Monday of December of every year as "Mother's Day" and "Father's Day."

This supersedes Proclamation No. 266 dated June 8, 1988.

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 11th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Eight.

By the President:

Ronaldo B. Zamora

RONALDO B. ZAMORA
Executive Secretary



Joseph Ejercito Estrada

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