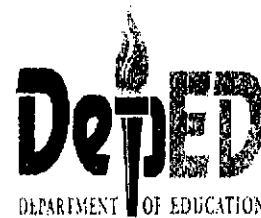




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**DECLARING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2003, AS A SPECIAL  
NON-WORKING DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR THE OBSERVANCE  
OF THE EID-UL-FITRE (FEAST OF RAMADHAN)**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Service/Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Proclamation No. 498 dated November 10, 2003 from the Office of the President entitled, "*Declaring Wednesday, November 26, 2003, as Special Non-Working Day Throughout the Country for the Observance of the EID-UL-FITRE (Feast of Ramadhan)*", which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS  
Secretary

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: DepEd Memorandum: No. 282, s. 2002  
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**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 498**

**DECLARING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2003, AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE EID-UL-FITRE (FEAST OF RAMADHAN)**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9177 declared EID-UL-FITRE as a regular holiday;

WHEREAS, the date on which the EID-UL-FITRE (Feast of Ramadhan) falls varies from year to year, depending on the sighting of the new moon;

WHEREAS, the EID-UL-FITRE (Feast of Ramadhan) for the year 2003 has been determined to fall on Wednesday, November 26, 2003;

WHEREAS, to promote cultural understanding and integration, the entire Filipino nation should have the full opportunity to join our Muslim brothers and sisters in observing and celebrating this important day;

WHEREAS, in order to bring the religious and cultural significance of the EID-UL-FITRE (Feast of Ramadhan) to the fore of national consciousness, and upon recommendation of the Office on Muslim Affairs, it is necessary to declare Wednesday, November 26, 2003, as special non-working day throughout the country without prejudice to the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERTO G. ROMULO**, Executive Secretary, by order of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, do hereby declare Wednesday, November 26, 2003, as special non-working day throughout the country.


**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand the Three.

By order of the President:

  
**ALBERTO G. ROMULO**  
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

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

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