

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY ON APRIL 25, 2011

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12, April 19, 2011

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WHEREAS, to call attention to environmental issues affecting the planet, and in solidarity with countries around the world, our country commemorates Earth Day each year on April 22 by virtue of Proclamation No. 1481 issued on April 10, 2008;

WHEREAS, Good Friday this year also falls on April 22, and has been declared a regular non-working holiday by virtue of Proclamation 84, signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III on December 20, 2010;

WHEREAS, since Good Friday is a regular holiday during the Holy Week, there have been suggestions from various sectors to defer the commemoration of Earth Day as a majority of the population will be observing Good Friday this coming April 22;

WHEREAS, moving the celebration of Earth Day to Monday, April 25, the first working day after Holy Week, will allow more people to participate in Earth Day activities and thus make the occasion more meaningful.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare that Earth Day this year be celebrated on Monday, April 25, 2011.

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 19th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

(Sgd.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III

By the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO OCHOA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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