

DECLARING FEBRUARY 27, 2005 AS "PHILIPPINE MARATHON FOR THE PASIG RIVER DAY"; AND THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2005 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS "PHILIPPINE MARATHON FOR THE PASIG RIVER..."

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WHEREAS, the Philippines, being a signatory to several international conventions on the environment, manifests a strong adherence and commitment to international environmental laws;

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism is mandated to develop sustainable tourism and ensure the sustainable use, develop and management of the country's environment, natural resources and cultural heritage;

WHEREAS, the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission is mandated to undertake the rehabilitation of the Pasig River and ensure its ecological well-being;

WHEREAS, the annual Pasig River Heritage Marathon is one of the biggest events in local sports and environmental advocacy and has been accredited by the International Association of Athletic Federations and the Association of International Marathons and Road Races, thereby making it an official international marathon event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare February 27, 2005 as "Philippine Marathon for the Pasig River Day" and the month of February 2005 and every year thereafter as "Philippine Marathon for the Pasig River Month".

All concerned departments and agencies of the government are enjoined to participate in the celebration by properly observing the event and actively supporting the programs and activities related to this occasion.

The Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Tourism, Department of Transportation and Communication, Metro Manila Development Authority, Philippines Sports Commission and all local government units in the National Capital Region are hereby directed to fully collaborate with the Clean and Green Foundation, Inc. and the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission to ensure the success of the programs and activities related to this event.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 7th day February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary

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