

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9177, November 13, 2002 ]**

**AN ACT DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF *SHAWWAL*, THE TENTH MONTH OF THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR, A NATIONAL HOLIDAY FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF *EIDUL FITR*, AND THE TENTH DAY OF *ZHUL HIJJA*, THE TWELFTH MONTH OF THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR, A REGIONAL HOLIDAY IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM) FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF *EIDUL ADHA*, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. The first day of *Shawwal* the tenth month of the Islamic calendar, is hereby declared a national holiday for the observance of *Eidul Fitr*, and the tenth day of *Zhul Hijja*, the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar is hereby declared a regional holiday in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) for the observance of *Eidul Adha*. *Eidul Fitr* is the first day marking the end of the thirty (30)-day fasting period of *Ramadhan*. *Eidul Adha* is a tenth day in the month of *Hajj* or Islamic Pilgrimage to Mecca wherein Muslims pay homage to Abraham's supreme act of sacrifice and signifies mankind's obedience to God.

The approximate date of these Islamic holidays may be determined in accordance with the Islamic calendar (*Hijra*) or the lunar calendar, or upon Islamic astronomical calculations, whichever is possible or convenient.

SEC. 2. Section 26, Chapter 7 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 26. *Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Bays*. - (1) Unless otherwise modified by law, order 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