

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 32, April 15, 2002]

PROVIDING FOR ADJUSTED OFFICIAL WORKING HOURS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES AND OTHER AGENCIES UNDER THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY OF THE YEAR 2002

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to encourage and promote domestic tourism;

WHEREAS, tourism has been identified as one of the largest contributors to the country's gross domestic product and a major contributor to the growth and development of the national economy;

WHEREAS, knowledge and awareness on the part of our citizens of our country's various natural, historical and cultural heritage can make a significant contribution to the nation's goals of national unity and socio-economic, cultural and educational development;

WHEREAS, as front liners in the public service, government employees could best encourage the promotion of domestic tourism by imparting their own experiences to the public;

WHEREAS, to enable government employees to visit the various domestic tourism destinations in the country and for them to convey the knowledge and experience they have gained during their travels, the Secretary of the Department of Tourism recommends the adjustment of their official working hours during specific regular working days of the week in the summertime.

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 order:

SECTION 1. During the months of April and May of the year 2002, employees of all departments, bureaus, offices and other agencies under the executive branch of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, shall have the option not to report for work on Mondays or on Fridays provided that during said period:

(a) such employees shall report for work four (4) consecutive days of each workweek, except on holidays;

(b) such employees shall render not less than ten (10) hours of work a day, exclusive of meal periods, either from Tuesday to Friday or from