

[PROCLAMATION NO. 200, April 26, 2017]

DECLARING APRIL 27 AS LAPU-LAPU DAY

WHEREAS, on April 27, 1521, the Battle of Mactan was fought and won by Lapu-Lapu and his men to repulse the Spanish invaders;

WHEREAS, being among the first of our forefathers to have fought against foreign domination, Lapu-Lapu's heroism has been recognized as a representation of the Filipino people's love of freedom and capability to rise above adversity;

WHEREAS, Lapu-lapu left us a legacy of freedom through his leadership, extraordinary bravery, courage, and love for his own land;

WHEREAS, it is but fitting and proper that Lapu-Lapu be given the highest honor and that his legacy be remembered by all Filipinos through appropriate ceremonies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare 27 April of every year as Lapu-Lapu Day.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 26th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

(SGD.) **RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**

By the President:

(SGD.) **SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**
Executive Secretary



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