

[PROCLAMATION NO. 86, December 21, 2010]

DECLARING JANUARY 24, 2011 AS "PHILIPPINE TROPICAL FABRICS DAY"

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to instill patriotism and nationalism among the Filipinos, promote the preferential use of the locally manufactured goods and utilize local resources and adopt measures that will help in the generation of wider employment;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. M9242 or the Philippine Tropical Fabrics Law of 2004 defines tropical fabrics as those containing natural fibers produced, spun, woven or knitted and finished in the Philippines, for use of office uniforms and government officials and employees and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, the implementation of RA 9242 shall provide the needed push for the judicious utilization of natural fibers like pineapple, banana, abaca and Philippine silk on the one hand, and the revival and upliftment of the local textile and garments industry on the other, both of which shall rebound to creation of livelihood in the agricultural and industrial sectors;

WHEREAS, as the use of Philippine tropical fabrics unfolds overtime, there will be a growing awareness and sense of pride among Filipinos to patronize and use locally manufactured textiles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare January 24, 2011 as "Philippine Tropical Fabrics Day", under the auspices of the Philippine Textile Research Institute and the Department of Science and Technology.

I call on the fabric producers, textile manufacturers and garments industries, including private sectors, associations and institutions to actively participate in the proper observance of the Philippine Tropical Fabrics Day and to give their full support in the local production and use of Philippine tropical fabrics and recognition of their importance in manpower capability building.

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 21th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

**(Sgd.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO
III**

By the President:
**(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA,
JR.**