[PROCLAMATION No. 1592, August 20, 2008]

DECLARING OCTOBER 20, 2008 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS PHILIPPINE-BRITISH FRIENDSHIP DAY, AMENDING PROCLAMATION NO. 381, S. 2000

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 381 declared December 7, 2000, and every year thereafter as Philippine-British Friendship Day to celebrate, enhance, and enrich the historical, political, economic, and cultural ties that strongly bind the Republic of the Philippine (RP) and United Kingdom (UK);

WHEREAS, UK Ambassador to Philippines, Peter Beckingham, requested the change of date of celebration of Philippine-British Friendship Day from December 7 to October 20 to coincide with the inauguration of the new British Embassy to be officiated by the UK Ministry of Trade and Investment, which therefore marks an important milestone in the history of the relations between RP and UK.

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 October 20, 2008, and every year thereafter as Philippine-British Friendship Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto let my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of AUGUST, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand And Eight.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA Executive Secretary



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