

**MALACAÑANG**  
**Manila**

MFN 10321

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 142**

**DECLARING FRIDAY JANUARY 18, 2002 AS A SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, AKLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Aklan celebrates the Ati-Atihan Festival every month of January to depict and commemorate the way of life during the period when the ten (10) Bornean Datus landed on and purchased the Island of Panay to settle thereon for a life of peace and freedom;

**WHEREAS**, the Ati-Atihan Festival highlights the rich cultural heritage of the Filipino and the customs and traditions of Aklan as a province;

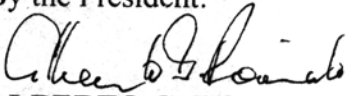
**WHEREAS**, the Ati-Atihan Festival has significantly contributed to the promotion of our tourism industry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare Friday January 18, 2002 as a special public holiday in the Municipality of Kalibo, Aklan.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:

  
**ALBERTO G. ROMULO**  
Executive Secretary



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