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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2002/8**

**ON THE DESIGNATION OF 20 MAY AS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
IN EAST TIMOR**

The Transitional Administrator,

Pursuant to the authority given him under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999, as reaffirmed in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1338 (2001) of 31 January 2001,

In accordance with UNTAET Regulation No. 1999/1 of 25 October 1999 on the authority of the Transitional Administration in East Timor and, in particular, the legislative and executive authority of the Transitional Administrator,

Taking into account Executive Order 2000/1 of 10 July 2000 on the Designation of Public Holidays in East Timor,

Recognizing that the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of East Timor approved by the Constituent Assembly on 22 March 2002 acknowledges 20 May 2002 as the date of international recognition of the independence of East Timor,

For the purpose of assuring the historical importance of 20 May throughout East Timor, appropriately reflecting the 500-year struggle of the East Timorese for independence and the birth of the Democratic Republic of East Timor as a new nation,

Hereby orders the following:

That 20 May is designated as, and shall be, a public holiday in East Timor.

Sergio Vieira de Mello  
Transitional Administrator