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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 256

CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE
YEARLY CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE
INDEPENDENCE FROM 1996 UP TO 1997

WHEREAS, 1996 and 1997 are the last two years before the commemoration of the centennial of the declaration of Philippine Independence;

WHEREAS, there is a need to properly coordinate all activities leading to the centennial celebration of the Philippine Independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a National Committee to take charge of the yearly celebration of Philippine Independence every 12th of June starting 1996 up to 1997.

SECTION 1. The National Committee, which shall meet at the call of the Chairman, shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports	- Chairman
Chairman, National Centennial Commission	- Co-Chairman
Secretary of Finance	- Co-Chairman
Secretary of Foreign Affairs	- Member
Secretary of Public Works and Highways	- Member
Secretary of Labor and Employment	- Member
Secretary of National Defense	- Member
Secretary of Trade and Industry	- Member
Secretary of Interior and Local Government	- Member
Secretary of Tourism	- Member
Secretary of Transportation and Communications	- Member

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Secretary of Science and Technology	- Member
Secretary of Budget and Management	- Member
Press Secretary	- Member
Secretary of Agriculture	- Member
Director General, National Economic and Development Authority	- Member
Chairman, Government Service Insurance System	- Member
Administrator, Social Security System	- Member
Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines	- Member
Director-General, Philippine National Police	- Member
Head of the Presidential Management Staff	- Member
Chief, Protocol Office, Office of the President	- Member
Director-General, Philippine Information Agency	- Member
Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority	- Member
Executive Director, National Historical Institute	- Member
Executive Director, National Commission for Culture and the Arts	- Member
Executive Director, National Parks Development Committee	- Member
Eight (8) Private Sector Representatives who shall be appointed by the National Committee Chairman	- Member

SEC. 2. To assist the National Committee, an Executive Committee is hereby created, the members of which shall be designated by the Chairman of the National Committee.

SEC. 3. The National Committee Chairman is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations to extend all necessary assistance to the National and Executive Committees.



These instrumentalities of the government are hereby authorized to allocate from their respective fund, any amount which they may deem necessary to ensure the successful yearly celebration of the Anniversary of Philippine Independence, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

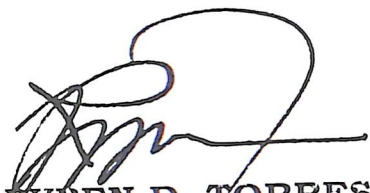
SEC. 4. An initial fund in the amount of **SIX MILLION PESOS (P6,000,000.00)** from the President's Contingent Fund shall be released for the 1996 celebration of Philippine Independence.

SEC. 5. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of April in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.



By the President:



RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary