

MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. **85**

CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF OCTOBER 17
AS THE WORLD DAY FOR OVERCOMING EXTREME POVERTY

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly (A/RES/47/196 - 22 December 1992) declared October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, to be observed beginning 1993;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 269 dated October 4, 1993 declared October 17 of every year as National Day For Overcoming Poverty in observance of the "World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty."

WHEREAS, the nationwide observance requires a planned and coordinated activity to ensure the attainment of the observance's objectives, including the active participation of various sectors and institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a National Committee for the Observance of October 17 as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty.

SECTION 1. Composition. The Committee shall be chaired by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, with representatives from the following agencies as members:

- a) Office of the President;
- b) Presidential Commission to Fight Poverty;
- c) Department of Interior and Local Government;
- d) Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor;
- e) Office of the Press Secretary; and
- f) Two (2) representatives from the non-government organizations or business sector.

The Chairman shall recommend to the President the private sector members to the Committee.

SEC. 2. Functions. - The National Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

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- a) Formulate a comprehensive plan for the observance of the day;
- b) Ensure, direct, supervise, effect and coordinate all arrangements necessary for the observance of the day;
- c) Ensure the participation of concerned government agencies, non-government organizations, mass media, sectoral groups and individuals;
- d) Prepare reports to the President on the outcome of each observance.

The Committee may call upon any government instrumentality to render the necessary assistance for the observance. It may also create such task forces or sub-committees as may be deemed necessary.


SEC. 3. Secretariat. - The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall provide the technical and administrative support to the Committee.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. - This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this *4th* day of *October* in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety three.



By the President:



TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

