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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 346

DECLARING THE YEAR 1996 AS THE CENTENARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF OUR NATIONAL HERO, DR. JOSE RIZAL, AND DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL CENTENNIAL COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS AND THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, December 30, 1996, marks the 100th year since the execution of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal in Bagumbayan, now Luneta;

WHEREAS, the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal symbolizes the people's yearning for freedom and liberty;

WHEREAS, it was for Filipinas - our beloved country - a singularly good fortune that Dr. Jose Rizal was one of the immortal Filipinos passionately devoted to the cause of independence that contributed to the formation of our nation;

WHEREAS, it is not much to say that such turning point in our national history be commemorated to instill in the hearts and minds of our citizenry the lofty principles Rizal stood for;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the year 1996 as the Centenary of the Martyrdom of Jose Rizal in consonance with the Decade of the Centennials of Filipino Nationalism, Nationhood and the Philippine Revolutionary Movement.

For the purpose of formulating plans and devising ways and means for the effective execution and appropriate activities and/or projects for the commemoration of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal, there is hereby created a Rizal's Martyrdom Centennial Commission to be composed of:

1. Chairman - Chairperson
National Centennial
Commission
2. Secretary - Co-Chairperson
Department of Education
Culture and Sports



3. Supreme Commander
Order of the Knights of
Rizal - Co-Chairperson
4. Chairman and Executive
Director of the National
Historical Institute - Member
5. Chairman - Member
National Commission for
Culture and the Arts
6. Representative of the - Member
Rizal Family
7. One representative each - Member
from the following:

Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines
Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches
Philippine Independent Church
Iglesia ni Cristo
8. President - Member
Philippine Press Institute
9. President - Member
Kapisanan ng mga Brodkasters

President - Member
Kababaihang Rizalista
11. President - Member
Kaanak 1896

Chairperson - Member
Manila Historical Commission
13. Grand Master - Member
Grand Lodge of Free and
Accepted Masons of the
Philippines

President - Member
Philippine History
Foundation

President - Member
Filipino-Chinese Chamber
of Commerce

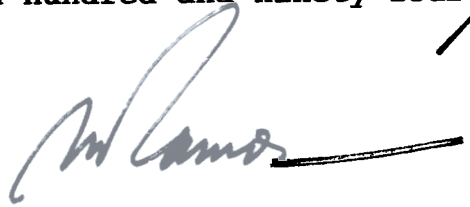


- 16. President Philippine Chamber of Commerce - Member
- 17. Executive Director Rizal Park Development Authority - Member
- 18. Chairman Philippine Centennials Foundation - Member
- 19. Executive Director Office on Muslim Affairs - Member


The Commission is empowered to call on any department, bureau, office, or agency of the government, including government owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its functions relative to the centenary commemoration.

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

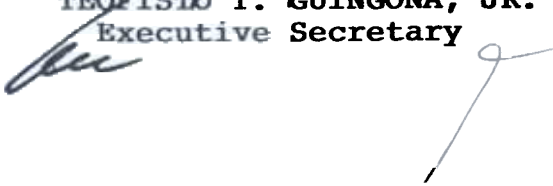
Done in the City of Manila, this ^{23rd} day of March in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four. ✓



By the President:



TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary



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