

MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 374

**CONSTITUTING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FEBRUARY 22-25, 1986 EDSA REVOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the February 22-25 EDSA Revolution restored democratic institutions and ushered meaningful political, social and economic reforms in the country;

WHEREAS, the triumph of this Revolution was anchored upon People Power, the spontaneous teamwork in seeking to transform Philippine society and chart a new course for the nation by linking arms and courageously asserting our democratic rights;

WHEREAS, the Filipinos astounded the world with feats of valor at EDSA, showing other captive people the way towards a democratic revolution of our time, thereby winning the respect and admiration of the world; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the celebration of the centennial of the Philippine Revolution, the revolution that served as our inspiration and root of that same spirit that brought the EDSA Revolution into triumph;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Constitution of a National Committee. There is hereby constituted a National Committee for the Commemoration of the 12th Anniversary of the February 22-25, 1986 EDSA Revolution which shall be Chaired by a private sector representative and Co-Chaired by the Secretary of the Department of National Defense, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the Administrator, Livelihood Corporation. The Secretary of the Department of Tourism is hereby designated as Vice-Chairperson, with three Co-Vice-Chairpersons from the private sector. The National Committee shall have twenty (20) members from the private sector and the following from the government sector:

1. Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform
2. Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
3. Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs

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4. Secretary, Department of Budget and Management
5. Secretary, Department of Finance
6. Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment
7. Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports
8. Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
9. Chairman, Commission on Higher Education
10. Cabinet Officer for Regional Development - National Capital Region
11. Chairperson, National Youth Commission
12. Acting Head, Presidential Management Staff
13. Chairman, Bases Conversion and Development Authority
14. Chairman, Development Bank of the Philippines
15. Chairperson, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women
16. Executive Director, National Centennial Commission
17. National Program Director, Moral Recovery Program
18. Director-General, Philippine Information Agency
19. Administrator, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
20. Administrator, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
21. Director-General, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
22. Director, National Historical Institute
23. President, League of Provinces of the Philippines
24. President, League of Cities of the Philippines
25. President, League of Municipalities of the Philippines

The private sector Chairperson, Co-Vice-Chairpersons, and representatives shall be recommended to the President by the Co-Chairpersons after due consultation with concerned private sector groups.

Mr. Manolo Lopez, former Chairperson of the National Committee for the Commemoration of the 11th Anniversary of the EDSA Revolution, shall serve as Adviser to the National Committee.

SEC. 2. Functions. The Committee shall have the following functions:

1. Formulate and implement a comprehensive plan for the nationwide commemoration of the 12th Anniversary of the February 22-25, 1986 EDSA Revolution and coordinate with all sectors concerned in the implementation of the same, taking into consideration austerity measures and the spirit of volunteerism;
2. Create such working committees and designate the respective members thereof from both the private and government sectors, as may be necessary, to ensure the success of the celebration; and
3. Invite or enjoin and mobilize all sectors to participate in the celebration and call upon any government instrumentality to render the necessary assistance therefor.

SEC. 3. Staff Support. There shall be organized a joint secretariat composed of personnel from the Department of National Defense, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the Department of Tourism which shall provide technical and secretariat support to the National Committee. The heads of departments, agencies, government-owned-and-controlled corporations and other government instrumentalities are directed to give full support to the National Committee and its various working committees and to actively participate in the celebrations.

SEC. 4. Guidelines. The National Committee shall pattern this year's celebration after the celebration plan of the 10th Anniversary of the EDSA Revolution and relate this year's theme to the celebration of the Philippine Centennial and the holding of an honest, orderly and peaceful elections (HOPE) in 1998.

SEC. 5. Funding. The Secretary of Budget and Management is hereby directed to allocate the amount of THREE MILLION PESOS (P3,000,000) to support this activity. Concerned agencies may allocate such amount as may be necessary to defray the expenditures that may be incurred from participation in the EDSA Anniversary.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 13th day of January in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight.



By the President:



ALEXANDER P. AGUIRRE
Acting Executive Secretary