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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 290

CREATING A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO ORGANIZE THE NEWLY CREATED PROVINCES OF KALINGA AND APAYAO

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7878 provides for the conversion of the sub-provinces of Kalinga and Apayao into regular provinces to be known as the Province of Kalinga and Province of Apayao;

WHEREAS, in a plebiscite conducted last May 08, 1995 in these areas, there was an overwhelming approval of the conversion with affirmative votes at 75,051 and negative votes at 3,008;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a coordinating body to fast-track and properly implement the provisions of Republic Act No. 7878 and effect an orderly organization of the new provinces;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Special Task Force to organize the newly created provinces of Kalinga and Apayao.

The Task Force shall be composed of the following or their respective designated representatives:

Chairman: Executive Secretary

Members: Secretary, Department of Budget and Management
Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
Secretary, Department of Finance
Head, Presidential Management Staff
Congressman, Kalinga/Apayao
Governor, Kalinga/Apayao
Presidential Assistant (Cordillera Affairs)

The Task Force shall perform its duties consistent with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7878 and the applicable provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

The Task Force shall implement, as soon as possible, actions and processes necessary to begin the Provinces' separate corporate existence, subject to the approval of this Office.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately

DONE in the City of Manila, this 5th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

By the President

RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary