

## **DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY OF EVERY YEAR AS THE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS (EODB) MONTH**

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WHEREAS, Section 27, Article II of the Constitution provides that the State shall maintain honesty and integrity in public service, and shall take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 9485 or the "Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007," as amended by RA No. 11032 or the "EODB and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," declares it a policy of the State to promote integrity, accountability, proper management of public affairs and public property, as well as to establish effective practices aimed at efficient turnaround of the delivery of government services and the prevention of graft and corruption;

WHEREAS, under Section 17 of RA No. 9485, as amended, the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) is mandated to implement and oversee a national policy on anti-red tape and EODB, implement various reform initiatives aimed at streamlining government services, recommend policies, processes, and systems to improve regulatory management, monitor and evaluate compliance of agencies, and conduct training programs to ensure adherence to sound regulatory management practices;

WHEREAS, the Administration is committed to strengthening the whole-of-government approach in the delivery of its key services, and is cognizant of the importance of promoting and increasing awareness on the crucial role of RA No. 11032 in creating a more business-friendly environment, driving economic development, and improving bureaucratic efficiency in the country; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all the executive departments, bureaus and offices and the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., President of Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare the month of May of every year as "EODB Month."

For this purpose, the ARTA shall lead the yearly observance of the EODB Month, and identify programs, activities, and projects for the celebration thereof.

All agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government covered by RA No. 9485, as amended, including government-owned or -controlled corporations and local government units, are hereby directed to coordinate with ARTA for the effective implementation of all programs, activities, and projects relative to the celebration of EODB Month. Non-government organizations and the private sector are hereby encouraged to actively participate and render the necessary support and assistance to ARTA in the implementation of all EODB initiatives, including the celebration of the EODB Month.

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

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 3[rd] day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

**(SGD.) FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**

By the President:

(SGD.) LUCAS P. BERSAMIN  
Executive Secretary

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