

CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF ACTIVITIES FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR NATIONAL STRENGTH AND UNITY AGAINST ALL ADVERSITIES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 169, October 25, 1999

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WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 47 signed on the 14th day of November 1998 declared the second day of Saturday of November every year of a National Day of Prayer and Fasting for National Strength and Unity against all Adversities;

WHEREAS, the second Saturday of November for the year of 1999 fall on the 13th day of November;

WHEREAS, to ensure the successful observance of this day, there is a need to create a special committee to take charge of the planning and execution of the activities for said date and to declare 13th November 1999 as a Special Public Holiday; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the 13th day of November 1999 as a special Public Holiday, to allow everyone to solemnly observe this Special Day for Prayer and Fasting for National Strength and Unity against all Adversities.

There is also hereby created a special Committee to formulate plans and devise ways and means for the successful execution of appropriate activities and ceremonies for the observance of the National Day of the Prayer and Fasting for National Strength and Unity Against All Adversities. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Secretary, Department of Education Culture and Sports Co-Chairman

Secretary, Department of Justice Co-Chairman

Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment Member

Secretary, Department of the Interior And Local Government Member

Press Secretary Member

Four (4) Representatives of various religious, ecclesiastical and ecumenical organizations and communities Member

The Co-Chairmen are authorized to request all government offices and agencies to assist in the discharge of the Committee's functions and duties and to designate such personnel as they may require for the purpose.

All our people are requested, in the company of their loved ones, in their churches and in their homes, to fast and to observe moments of prayer for peace, for continuing strength in the midst of adversities, and for the alleviation of the plight of those who have suffered in these adversities, in such appropriate activities and ceremonies to be

organized by the Special Committee in the Quirino Grandstand, Luneta, Manila.

All national and local publications and television and radio stations are requested to participate in generating awareness and disseminating information on the themes and activities in relation to this National Day of Prayer and Fasting for National Strength and Unity Amidst All Adversities.

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

DONE in the City of Manila, this 25th day of October in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

By the President:

(Sgd.) RONALDO B. ZAMORA

Executive Secretary

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