

CREATING A NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF THE PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS IN 1981

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 616, August 21, 1980

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WHEREAS, it is established policy of the Philippine Government to facilitate the speedy rehabilitation of disabled persons for the purpose of minimizing economic loss or injury to their families, to themselves, and to the Nation;

WHEREAS, on the above premise, the Philippines is in full accord with the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the International Year of Disabled Persons adopted at its thirty first session on December 16, 1976;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 1996 dated August 21, 1980 directs the Filipino people to observe and participate in the International Year of Disabled Persons in 1981; and

WHEREAS, it is of importance that the observance of said International Year of Disabled Persons be efficiently organized, planned, coordinated and implemented and that all agencies, governmental and non-governmental, should cooperate with one another to ensure its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the National Steering Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons in 1981, composed of as follows:

Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos Honorary Chairman

Mrs. Julita C. Benedicto Chairman

Members:

Minister of Human Settlements

Minister of the Budget

Minister of Public Works

Minister of Local Governments

Minister of Education and Culture

Minister of Labor and Employment

Minister of Health

Minister of Social Services and Development

Minister of Public Information

Ambassador Leandro Vercelles

Atty. Perfecto Fernandez

Dr. Antonio Periquet

Hon. Robert Tugung

The National Steering Committee is hereby directed to prepare the guidelines and national blueprint for the observance of the International Year of Disabled Persons in accordance with the National Rehabilitation Plan formulated by the National Commission Concerning Disabled Persons, which is hereby designated as the lead agency responsible for coordinating programs and activities for the year.

The Committee is also hereby authorized to call upon any ministry, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its functions.

The Ministry of the Budget shall allocate such amount as may be necessary as determined and recommended by the Committee.

The Committee shall submit its report to the President as soon as possible.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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