

TRANSFERRING THE ATTACHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 71, October 22, 2024

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WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 8371 or the "Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997" created the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) as the primary government responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies, plans and programs to promote and protect the rights and well-being of Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) and/or Indigenous Peoples (IPs), including the recognition of their ancestral domains and their rights thereto;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 67 (s. 2018), the NCIP was placed under the supervision of the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

WHEREAS, EO No. 72 (s. 2002) provides that an agency shall be placed under or attached to the Office of the President (OP) only if its mandate or functional concerns require the immediate attention of the President;

WHEREAS, consistent with the State policy to further promote and recognize the rights of ICCs/IPs within the framework of national unity and development, the NCIP may be transferred to OP;

WHEREAS, under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of EO No. 292 or the "Administrative Code of 1987," authorized the President to recognize the administrative structure of the OP in order to achieve simplicity, economy and efficiency; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Attachment. The NCIP is hereby placed under the administrative supervision of the OP.

Section 2. Repeal. EO No. 67 is hereby amended. All other orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

(SGD.) FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.

By the President:

(SGD.) LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Executive Secretary

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