



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 08

**CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE FOR THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE
INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONHOOD**

WHEREAS, the country will commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Philippine Independence and Nationhood from 2023 to 2026, with the theme "*Kalayaan, Kinabukasan, Kasaysayan*," to give focus on the freedom that our forebearers struggled for towards the future that they dreamed for the country and the history that we seek to remember and honor them with;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that the State shall conserve, promote and popularize the nation's cultural and historical heritage and resources, as well as its artistic creations;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 10086 or the "Strengthening Peoples' Nationalism Through Philippine History Act," provides that it shall be the policy of the State to provide the means to strengthen people's nationalism, love of country, respect for its heroes and pride for the people's accomplishments by reinforcing the importance of Philippine national and local history in daily life with the end in view of raising social consciousness; reinvigorating government support for historical research; and sustaining and enhancing programs for the protection, preservation and conservation of historical relics and memorabilia, monuments, sites and other historical resources; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution provides that the President shall have control over all the executive departments, bureaus, and offices and ensure that the laws are faithfully executed;

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. Inter-Agency Committee. In order to facilitate the planning and execution of programs and projects for the commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of Philippine Independence and Nationhood, an Inter-Agency Committee is hereby constituted, to be composed of representatives from the following:

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- Chairperson : National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP)
- Vice-Chairperson : Department of the Interior and Local Government
- Members : Department of Tourism
 Department of Education
 Department of National Defense
 Department of Information and Communications Technology
 Department of Budget and Management
 Department of Trade and Industry
 Department of Labor and Employment
 Department of Transportation
 Metropolitan Manila Development Authority

The NHCP shall serve as Secretariat to the Inter-Agency Committee, and shall provide the necessary administrative, operational and technical support. The Secretariat shall be constituted upon the issuance of this Order and shall continue to exist until March 2026.

Section 2. Agency Support. All departments, agencies, bureaus, offices, national government agencies, and government-owned or -controlled corporations are hereby enjoined to give full support, assistance, and cooperation to the Inter-Agency Committee in the implementation of this Administrative Order. Local government units, civil society groups and the private sector are encouraged to cooperate and participate in the commemoration of this milestone event.

Section 3. Funding. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Order shall be sourced from the available appropriations of the NHCP, and the participating government agencies and instrumentalities, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

The amounts necessary for the subsequent years shall be included in the budget proposal of the NHCP, and other concerned agencies, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 28th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

By the President:

LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
 Executive Secretary