

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1379, May 17, 1978]

GRANTING CITIZENSHIP TO DESERVING ALIENS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR NATURALIZATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Letters of Instructions Nos. 270 and 491 applications for naturalization by decree were received by the Special Committee on Naturalization created under LOI 270 for processing and evaluation;

WHEREAS, while a substantial number of applications thus filed have already been passed upon resulting in the naturalization of 16,399 alien applicants, there remain 22,439 more applicants whose applications are still pending consideration;

WHEREAS, on the basis of its performance resulting in the approval of its recommendations with respect to alien applicants whose application for naturalization should be granted there is ground to entrust the approval of the remaining applications for naturalization to the Special Committee on Naturalization under the guidelines provided in LOI 270 and 491;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to grant naturalization to such alien applicants as may be found by the Special Committee on Naturalization to possess the qualifications and not suffering from any disqualifications to obviate the need of approving separate recommendations by the Committee and promulgating the corresponding decree as has heretofore been done;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby provide as follows:

SECTION 1. The Special Committee on Naturalization created under Letter of instruction No. 270, as amended by LOI Nos. 283, and 491, shall from time to time determine who of the individuals of foreign nationality, who have pending applications for naturalization by decree, possess the qualifications and do not suffer from any of the disqualifications provided in LOI 270, as amended by LOI Nos. 283 and 491, until all applications for naturalization filed with it shall have been disposed of.

SEC. 2. Philippine citizenship is hereby granted to such individuals of foreign nationality who have pending applications for naturalization by decree as may be determined by the Special Committee on Naturalization to have all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications, as provided in section 1.

Citizenship granted under this Decree shall take effect upon the applicant taking the oath of allegiance as Philippine citizen and the issuance to him of the corresponding certificate of naturalization by the Special Committee. The Commission on Immigration and Deportation shall thereupon cancel his certificate of registration as alien and issue to him the corresponding identification certificate as citizen.

SEC. 3. If an applicant is granted naturalization but dies before taking the oath of allegiance as Filipino citizen and the issuance to him of the certificate of naturalization, his widow, if residing in the Philippines and found by the Special Committee to have none of the disqualifications specified in said LOI 270, may take the oath of allegiance, as Filipino citizen, after which the minor children of said