

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 650, January 31, 1975**]

REQUIRING THE TAKING OF AN INTEGRATED CENSUS OF POPULATION AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN MAY 1975 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, more recent census data on the Philippine population is required for national, social and economic planning and for the formulation of national and sectoral policies on manpower development and utilization, health, education, housing and population control, etc;

WHEREAS, national censuses are the primary sources of basic data in population that could adequately meet these needs;

WHEREAS, the last census of the Philippines conducted on May 6, 1970, would not truly reflect the changes brought about by recent government programs adopted to accelerate the socio-economic development of the country;

WHEREAS, to provide economic planners and administrators with the data needed for national planning and to properly evaluate the progress made in various fields and measure the impact of on-going projects of the governments, as well as provide the "barangays" with the latest data on their population to effect desired changes and reforms in the social, economic and political structures within their jurisdiction, a total enumeration of the population is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree that a national census be undertaken in May 1975, in accordance with the plans drawn by the National Census and Statistics Office, in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority, and such census shall cover an enumeration of the population and their economic activities.

SECTION 1. *Presidential Census Coordinating Board and Provincial City and Municipal Census Boards.* — For the systematic coordination of government agencies and instrumentalities involved in the conduct of the 1975 Integrated Census of Population and Economic Activities, a Presidential Census Coordinating Board to be composed of the following, is hereby created:

The Executive Secretary	Chairman
The Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority	Vice-Chairman
The Secretary of National Defense	Member
The Secretary of Labor	Member
The Secretary of Education and Culture	Member
The Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications	Member
The Secretary of	Member

Department of Public Highways	
The Secretary of Agriculture	Member
The Secretary of Natural Resources	Member
The Secretary of Local Government and Community Development	Member

The Board shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to successfully carry out this national undertaking.

As a counterpart of the Presidential Census Coordinating Board at the local government level, there shall be established a Provincial, City or Municipal Census Board in each province, city and municipality, as the case may be, which shall provide such facilities and assistance as shall be required by the National Census and Statistics Office. The Provincial Census Board shall be composed of the Provincial Governor, as Chairman, and the Division Superintendent of Schools, Senior District Highway Engineer, PC Provincial Commander, Provincial Development Officer and the Provincial Agriculturist, as members. The City Census Board shall be composed of the City Mayor, as Chairman, and the City Superintendent of Schools, City Engineer and the City Development Officer, as members. The Municipal Census Board shall be composed of the Municipal Mayor, as Chairman, and the Supervisor/Principal Teacher, Municipal Agriculturist, and the Municipal Development Officer, as members.

The Executive Officer of the Presidential Census Coordinating Board shall be the Executive Director of the National Census and Statistics Office while that of the local boards shall be the Provincial Census Officer for provinces and the Municipal Census Officer/Census Assistant or the City/Municipal Census Supervisor for cities and Municipalities.

The Board may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government for any assistance in the performance of their functions.

SEC. 2. *Census Day.* — The first day of May, 1975 is hereby designated as Census Day from which date the census field enumeration shall commence and continue until every individual in the country shall have been enumerated. The collection of data will be by enumeration and the respondent shall be the head or any responsible member of the household.

SEC. 3. *Participation of various government agencies and instrumentalities.* — All heads of departments, bureaus, offices and agencies of the government, government-owned and controlled corporations, and provincial, city and municipal officials, including the barangay chairman, are hereby enjoined to organize seminars, meetings and open forums on the forthcoming nationwide census operation and to make available their facilities as well as the services of such personnel as may hereafter be requested or requisitioned by the National Census and Statistics Office to insure the success of the census.

SEC. 4. *Enumeration personnel and government employees drafted for census work.* — Whenever feasible, public school teachers and college students under the Youth Civic Action Program (YCAP) shall be utilized for enumeration work; in which