

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 780, August 25, 1975 ]

## CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATANOG IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO

**WHEREAS**, the fundamental objective of the government is to hasten up the pace of economic development throughout the country;

**WHEREAS**, the effective implementation of the declared programs of the government on development hinges primarily on the administrative efficiency of each and every local government unit;

**WHEREAS**, it has been the clamor of the residents of the proposed municipality with the conformity of the elective officials of the locality, as favorably endorsed by the Central Mindanao Command to create a new municipality out of the existing Municipality of Parang, Province of Maguindanao, so as to achieve a closer supervision of the execution of the developmental programs of the locality;

**WHEREAS**, the creation of the proposed municipality will redound and contribute greatly to the pacification drive to restore normalcy in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the new municipality will become a self-reliant community once intensified government projects are made in line with the declared policy of the government to uplift the socio-economic well-being of the residents therein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree, as part of the law of the land, following:

**SECTION 1.** Barangays Bayanga del Norte, Bayanga del Sur, Bugusan del Norte, Bugusan del Sur, Kidama and Sapad, all in the Municipality of Parang, Province of Maguindanao, are detached and separated therefrom to form and constitute into a distinct and independent municipality which is created to be known as the Municipality of Matanog without affecting in any manner the legal existence of the mother municipality of Parang. The new municipality shall be specifically bounded, as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the Southern bank of the Tibawan river approximately 850 meters 30 degrees Southwestern of the old B.L.B.M. No. 2 at Sitio Sugod, Barangay Sapad; thence going along the Kibuwan river to its junction with the national highway; Kibuwan bridge thence going Northeastward 85 degrees to the boundary line of the Municipality of Parang and Buldon; thence going Northward 8 degrees to the crest of Mount Ligue; thence going Northeastward direction 9 degrees to the crest of Mount Bitan; then going Northeast 10 degrees to the boundary line of Cotabato (now Maguindanao) and Lanao Provinces then following the boundary line to a point where the old B.L.B.M. of Barangay Bayanga del Norte on the Southwestern side of the National Highway; thence following the boundary line 52 degrees Southwestward to the crest of Mount Taboowan; thence 50 degrees following the boundary line Southward to the crest of Mount Kumakabong; thence following the boundary line 130 degrees to the crest of Mount Kalipapa; thence