

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 864, December 29, 1975**]

AMENDING P.D. 48 TO EXPAND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TO INCLUDE MINES RESEARCH, AND CHANGE ITS NAME TO PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCES RESEARCH.

WHEREAS, the development and growth of our farm, forest, fishery, and certain mineral resources is a matter of national concern;

WHEREAS, research is necessary to determine the alternative means of achieving national goals in the development of our agricultural and natural resources or to identify the best means among the alternatives;

WHEREAS, mines are a natural resource which is one of the top foreign exchange earners of the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to wisely utilize this exhaustible resource;

WHEREAS, mines research is best done in relation to agricultural, forestry, and fisheries resources in order to consider their combined effects in maintaining a favorable ecological balance;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the system and capability for mines research in the country; and

WHEREAS, this can best be done through the existing body which now monitors, coordinates, and manages all research in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries in the country;

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

SECTION 1. The name of the Philippine Council for Agricultural Research, established under P.D. 48, is hereby changed to the PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCES RESEARCH, hereinafter referred to as PCARR, with the following functions in addition to those stipulated in P.D. 48:

- a. Have authority and responsibility, as part of the scope of its operations, over all government-supported and funded research on mineral resources except petroleum and other mineral oils;
- b. Establish, support and manage the operation of a national network of centers of excellence for the various research programs in crops; livestock; forestry; fisheries; soil; waters; and mineral resources; and socio-economics research related to agriculture and natural resources; and
- c. Enter into agreements or relationships with other similar institutions or organizations, both national and international, in furtherance of the above purposes.

SEC. 2. The PCARR Governing Council shall be composed of the following officials: