

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 568, October 24, 1974]

APPROPRIATING COUNTERPART FUNDS FOR THE PHILIPPINE POPULATION PROJECT AND CREATING THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT STAFF THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in order to make more effective the population program of the country, there is a need to augment the resources available to agencies involved in the said program:

WHEREAS, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has granted the Philippine Government a loan for the Philippine Population Project, hereinafter referred to as the Project;

WHEREAS, funds must be appropriated to finance the counterpart peso funding of the aforesaid loan agreement;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a Project Management Staff for effective implementation and execution of the said Project;

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

SECTION 1. Appropriations. — There is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Million (P166 million) to finance the local currency costs of the Project which shall be programmed and released to the Project Management Staff hereinafter created, in the following manner: Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P7.5 million) for the Fiscal Year 1974-75; Twenty Four Million Pesos (P24 million) for Fiscal Year 1975-76; Eighty-Five Million Pesos (P85 million) for Fiscal Year 1976-77; Forty-Three Million Pesos (P43 million) for Fiscal Year 1977-78; and Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P6.5 million) for Fiscal Year 1978-79; Provided, That, notwithstanding the said schedule, releases in a given year shall be adjusted in accordance with the actual requirements of the project being implemented during said Fiscal Year.

SEC. 2. Project Management Staff. — For the effective implementation of the Project, a Project Management Staff is hereby established as a special unit under the Office of the Secretary of Health, which shall perform the following functions:

- a. Undertake and supervise the implementation of Projects under the IBRD Loan;
- b. Prepare and implement such other development projects in connection with the loan that may be assigned by the Secretary of Health; and
- c. Perform such other functions and duties related to the execution of the Project that may be assigned to it by the Secretary of Health.

The existence of the Project Management Staff shall be co-terminus with that of the Project; *Provided, however*, That upon completion of the Project, such personnel as may be necessary who meet the qualification standards set by the Department of Health may be absorbed by the Department.