

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 258, July 31, 1973 ]

## **CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA AND THE PHILIPPINE CENTER MANAGEMENT BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to consolidate, integrate and coordinate all the activities in the San Francisco area of all Philippine Government offices and agencies which have hitherto been dispersed and separate from each other, a situation entailing unnecessary expense and duplication of functions; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the human and material resources of the Philippines, it is the objective of the New Society, among other things, to nurture, promote and propagate Philippine culture, to encourage foreign tourists to visit the Philippines, to expand the foreign market for Philippine products, to provide efficient and comprehensive public service in the country and abroad, and in general to enhance the image of the Philippines;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. I, dated September 22, 1972, as amended, do hereby decree and order as follows:

**SECTION 1.** There shall be incorporated in San Francisco City a Philippine Center Management Board, hereinafter called "the Board," which shall, on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines, acquire by purchase or by any other appropriate means a building in San Francisco City, California, U.S.A., which shall house within its premises all the offices and agencies in San Francisco of the Philippine Government. Such building shall be called "The Philippine Center in San Francisco," hereinafter called "the Center," and shall serve the purposes stated in the second paragraph of the preamble.

**SEC. 2.** The Board shall have the following composition and functions:

*A. Composition. —*

1. *Chairman* — The Philippine Consul General in San Francisco
2. *Vice Chairman* — The head of the Philippine National Bank, San Francisco Agency, who shall also be Treasurer of the Board.

Members:

3. The Philippine Commercial or Trade Promotion Representative in San Francisco.
4. The head of the Philippine Air Lines in San Francisco.
5. The Representative in San Francisco of the Department of Tourism.
6. The Representative in San Francisco of the Auditor General.
7. The Philippine Center Business Manager who shall also be Secretary of the Board.

*B. Functions. —*