

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 128, July 30, 2005]

CREATING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE PREPARATIONS TO COMMEMORATE THE SURRENDER OF GENERAL TOMOYUKI YAMASHITA IN KIANGAN, IFUGAO AND BAGUIO ON SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3, 2005 AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS LEADING TO THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 102 dated July 2004 created an Ad Hoc Committee to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Leyte Landings on October 20, 2004;

WHEREAS, it is but fitting to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of other equally significant events in the Philippines, including the Surrender of General Tomoyuki Yamashita in Kiangan, Ifugao and Baguio City that led to the end of the Second World War in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, among these significant events are the Allied Landings in Lingayen, Pangasinan (January 9, 2005); the Liberation of the Pangatian Prisoner of War Camp in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija (January 30, 2005); the Allied Landings in Nasugbu, Batangas 31 January 2005); the Liberation of Manila (February 3, 2005); the Liberation of the Los Banos Prisoner of War Camp in Los Banos, Laguna (February 3, 2005); the Liberation of Corregidor (March 2, 2005); the Allied Landings in Zamboanga City, Zamboanga (March 10, 2005); the Liberation of Panay and Romblon (March 18, 2005); Veterans Week (April 5-9, 2005); the Battle of Balete Pass in Sta. Fe, Nueva Viscaya (May 13, 2005); the Battle of Ipo Dam in Bulacan (May 19, 2005) the Battle of Bessang Pass in Cervantes, Ilocos Sur (June 14, 2005) and the Surrender of General Tomoyuki Yamashita in Kiangan, Ifugao and Baguio (September 2-3, 2005):

WHEREAS, It is the moral obligation of every citizen, specially the youth, to acknowledge the heroism and sacrifices of our Filipino soldiers, guerillas and civilians who answered the call to duty and defended the country from foreign invasion during its darkness years of the Second World War;

WHEREAS, these events should be appropriately celebrated to rekindle a deep spirit of pride, unity and nationalism among Filipinos;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. An Ad Hoc Committee is hereby created to take charge of the preparations to commemorate the Surrender of General Tomoyuki Yamashita in Kiangan, Ifugao and Baguio on September 2-3, 2005 and other significant events