

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 99, May 17, 2004]

**DIRECTING THE ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS TO CELEBRATE PHILIPPINE
INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JUNE 12, 2004**

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commemorate the heroism, patriotism and nationalism of our forefathers in the struggle for independence;

WHEREAS, the 106th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence is the ideal occasion for all Filipinos to unite and rally behind the government and the country's institutions;

WHEREAS, there should be proper planning, implementation and coordination of all programs and activities leading to the celebrations.

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. The Secretary of Tourism is hereby designated to take the lead in the planning, coordination, implementation and conduct of programs and activities in celebration of Independence Day 2004.

Sec. 2. The Department of Tourism, being the lead agency of this national event, shall immediately convene the inter-agency organizing task force to plan and implement effectively all programs, projects and activities relating to the Independence Day 2004 celebrations.

Sec. 3. The inter-agency task force shall be composed of the Secretary of Tourism, as Chairman, with the Executive Director of the National Historical Institute and the Secretary of Education, as Vice-Chairmen. Other members of the inter-agency task force shall be designated and/or appointed by the Secretary of Tourism.

Sec. 4. All departments, bureaus, offices, national government agencies and local government units and government-owned and controlled corporations are hereby enjoined to give full support, assistance and cooperation to the Secretary of Tourism in the exercise of his responsibilities under this Order.

Sec. 5. All branches of government are enjoined to participate in the Independence Day celebration as well as to enlist the participation of private sector groups and non-government organizations so that the 106th Philippine Independence Day celebration will be a show of unit and strength during these challenging times.

Local government units together with private sector groups and NGO's are likewise enjoined to celebrate Philippine Independence Day in their respective localities.