

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6, March 07, 2001]

DELEGATING THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES PERTAINING TO TRAVEL ABROAD AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the President exercises general supervision over local governments pursuant to Article X, Section 4, of the Constitution; Book III, Title I, Section 18, of the Administrative Code of 1987; and Section 25 of the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, the authority to approve requests of local government officials for permission to travel abroad when the period of travel extends to more than three (3) months; or during periods of emergency or crisis; or when the travel involves the use of public funds is vested in the President under Section 90 of the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, the authority to approve the leaves of absence of governors and mayors of highly urbanized cities or independent component cities is vested in the President under Section 47 of the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, sound principles of organization demand that the President be able to concentrate her attention upon larger and more important questions of policy and her time be freed, so far as possible, from the consideration of the smaller and far less important details;

WHEREAS, except for acts to be performed by the President personally, the multifarious executive and administrative functions of the President may be performed by and through the executive departments under the control of the President;

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

SECTION 1. *Delegation of authority.* – The authority to approve the following matters is hereby delegated to the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government:

- a. Requests by local government officials for authority to travel abroad when the period of travel extends to more than three (3) months, or during periods of emergency or crisis, or when the travel abroad involves the use of public funds, vested in the President under Section 96 of the Local Government Code of 1991, and such other matters relative to the authority of local government officials to travel abroad vested in the President by law;