

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 106, January 11, 2000]

CONSTITUTING A NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEBRUARY 22–25, 1986 EDSA PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is a need to safeguard the truth of history of the martial law years, and a need to remember the struggle for freedom and democracy during this period;

WHEREAS, our national spirit was forged through a ceaseless struggle for freedom of Filipinos who rose against colonial masters to become a nation of our own aspiration and creation, molded and formed by our national and collective history as a people, with our own culture, values, ethos, political identity and national psyche;

WHEREAS, the February 22–25, 1986 EDSA Revolution restored democratic institutions and ushered meaningful political, social and economic reforms in the country serves as an inspiration as we continue to chart our collective course as a nation and a people;

WHEREAS, the triumph of this revolution was anchored upon people power, the ultimate demonstration of the citizens' solidarity in seeking to transform Philippine society, and to chart a new course for the country's history by linking arms and courageously asserting our democratic rights;

WHEREAS, the Filipinos astounded the world with feats of valor during the four historic days of the EDSA People Power Revolution on February 22–25, 1986 showing other captive people the way towards a peaceful political revolution of our time, thereby winning the respect and admiration of the world;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 82, the EDSA People Power Commission was established, and as per section 2 under its Functions it is mandated to plan, organize and implement the yearly commemoration of the February 22–25, 1986 EDSA Revolution every 25th of February;

WHEREAS, this year marks the celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Constitution of the Organizing Committee.* There is hereby constituted an Organizing Committee for the Commemoration of the 14th Anniversary of the February 22–25, 1986 EDSA Revolution which shall be chaired by the Chairman of the EDSA People Power Commission, Mr. Antonio A. Lopa, representing the private sector, and Co-Chaired by Secretary of the Department of Finance, Hon. Jose T. Pardo. The Secretary of the Department of National Defense, Hon. Orlando Mercado