

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 204, July 10, 1995]

**CONSTITUTING A NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP DAY ON 04 JULY 1996**

WHEREAS, July 4, 1996 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Philippine-American Friendship Day which ushered the beginning of Philippine political independence from the American colonial rule;

WHEREAS, this milestone in Philippine history must be appropriately observed to promote and preserve the spirit of freedom, independence, nationalism and love of country and appreciate the contribution and sacrifice of war veterans in our pursuit of sovereignty;

WHEREAS, the event can serve as an occasion to rekindle Philippine-American friendship and chart a new course of relationship with the United States; and,

WHEREAS, to give meaning and direction to the celebration, there is a need to coordinate all activities during the observance of the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of a National Executive Committee. There is hereby constituted a National Executive Committee on the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Philippine-American Friendship Day, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, to be composed of the following:

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| (a) | The Secretary of Foreign Affairs | – Chairman |
| (b) | The Secretary of the National Defense | – Co-Chairman |
| (c) | Chairman, National Centennial Commission | – Vice-Chairman |
| (d) | The Secretary of Tourism | – Member |
| (e) | The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports | – Member |
| (f) | The Secretary of Interior and Local Government; | – Member |
| (g) | The Secretary of Transportation and Communications | – Member |
| (h) | The Secretary of Public Works and Highways | – Member |