[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 56, May 22, 1948]

CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES ON JULY 4, 1948

WHEREAS, the fourth of July, 1946, is of great historical importance to the Filipino people because it was on that day that Philippine Independence was granted and the Republic of the Philippines proclaimed and inaugurated; and

WHEREAS, in order to impress upon our people, especially the youth, the significance of that important event in our national life, it is fitting and proper that the day be observed with appropriate ceremonies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute and create a National Committee to formulate plans and devise ways and means for the appropriate celebration of the second anniversary of the Republic of the Philippines. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Hon. Ricardo Nepomuceno	Chairman
Gen. Rafael Jalandoni	Member
Hon. Marciano Roque	Member
Hon. Jose Figueras	Member
Hon. Manuel de la Fuente	Member
Mr. Vicente Carmona	Member
Mr. Gil Puyat	Member
Mrs. Francisca T. Benitez	Member
Dr. Manuel Lim	Member
Mr. Vicente Rufino	Member
Mr. Vicente Lontok	Executive Secretary

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and for the purpose of discharging its functions, may create such subcommittees as may be necessary.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

(Sgd.) ELPIDIO QUIRINO President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO Executive Secretary