

## [ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55, May 08, 2018 ]

### **CONSTITUTING A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE QUINCENTENNIAL OF THE ARRIVAL OF FERDINAND MAGELLAN IN THE PHILIPPINES, THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU IN THE BATTLE OF MACTAN, AND OTHER HISTORIC EVENTS THAT HAPPENED FROM 1519 TO 1522**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10086 or the "Strengthening People's Nationalism Through Philippine History Act," the State shall provide the means to strengthen people's nationalism, love of country, respect for its heroes and pride for the people's accomplishments by reinforcing the importance of Philippine national and local history in daily life with the end view of raising social consciousness;

**WHEREAS**, various entities have been proposing to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) the conduct of certain activities for the commemoration of the 500 th anniversary of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in the Philippines, the celebration of the first mass in the Philippines, the circumnavigation of the globe by Ferdinand Magellan-Juan Sebastian Elcano from 1519 to 1522, the victory of Lapu-Lapu in the Battle of Mactan, and other events associated thereto;

**WHEREAS**, the staging of commemorative activities in the Philippines for the quincentennial celebration will promote tourism and highlight our rich cultural and religious heritage as a nation;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to systematically organize, coordinate and synchronize the commemoration of the quincentennial of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in the Philippines and other historic events that happened from 1519 to 1522 in different localities and in other countries where Magellan's voyage made landfall, by creating a committee that shall take charge of the preparations for the said commemoration in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the President shall have control of all the executive departments, bureaus and offices;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. The National Quincentennial Committee.** A steering committee for the commemoration of the quincentennial of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in the Philippines, the victory of Lapu-lapu in the Battle of Mactan, and other historic events from 1519 to 1522 is hereby created, to be known as the National Quincentennial Committee.

**SECTION 2 Composition.** The National Quincentennial Committee shall be constituted as follows: