

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 457, August 23, 2005]

**DESIGNATING THE COMMISSION ON FILIPINO OVERSEAS AS
THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
CENTENNIAL OF FILIPINO MIGRATION TO HAWAII**

WHEREAS, on December 20, 1906, a group Filipino plantation workers arrived in Hawaii aboard the Doric, leading the first wave of Filipinos to migrate to Hawaii;

WHEREAS, the first group of Filipinos was followed by subsequent waves of Filipinos immigrants who came to settle in Hawaii and also in other parts of the United States, contributing to a migration pattern that continues up to this day;

WHEREAS, today Filipinos with their rich culture and heritage have become a positive influence on mainstream life in Hawaii, with many of them succeeding prominently in their respective professions, in business, politics, government, the academe and the arts;

WHEREAS, while Filipinos in Hawaii have firmly established themselves in their adoptive country, they continue to maintain their strong ties with the Philippines, keep an active interest in its progress, and contribute to the development of their homeland;

WHEREAS, conscious of the historical circumstances and the contribution of Filipinos to Hawaii's multicultural society, the State of Hawaii has initiated preparations to commemorate the centennial of Filipino migration to Hawaii in 2006, and created through Act 159 the Filipino Centennial Celebration Commission to organize the commemorative activities.

WHEREAS, the commemoration of the centennial of Filipino migration to Hawaii will contribute to strengthening ties among Filipinos in Hawaii and the entire United States, open new opportunities for tourism, trade and organizations and highlight their contribution to both the United States of America and the Philippines, and reinforce their important role in bridging the two countries;

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

SECTION 1. Lead Agency – The Commission of Filipino Overseas (CFO) shall be the lead agency for the commemoration of the Centennial of Filipino Migration to Hawaii.

SEC. 2. Agency Support – The CFO shall coordinate the integrated assistance by seeking technical, financial and administrative support from the following agencies: Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Transportation and