

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79, March 05, 1999]

DECLARING THE PALARO NG BAYAN AS THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY SPORTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution "*recognizes the vital role of youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being*";

WHEREAS, Section 19(1), Article XIV thereon provides "*that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.*"

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code (R.A. 7160) mandates all Local Chief Executives to "*conduct an annual Palarong Barangay, Pambayan, Panlungsod, and Panlalawigan, which shall feature traditional sports and disciplines included in national and international games . . .*";

WHEREAS, Executive Order Nos. 63 and 64, series of 1993, provide a nationwide organizational network such as the National Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council (NPFSDC) to assist the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) in the implementation of the National Policy and Program for "Sports for All," particularly the enhancement of community sports programs and grassroots participation; and,

WHEREAS, community sports can serve as recruitment base to discover new talents, upgrade skills, pursue sports specialization, including the education and training of the youth for participation in higher level sports competitions.

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. Approval and Adoption of the Palaro ng Bayan as the National Community Sports Program. The Palaro ng Bayan (hereinafter referred to as the "Program") is hereby adopted as the National Community Sports Program aimed to enhance grassroots sports and bolster the promotion and propagation of sports nationwide. For this purpose, the third week of May of every year is hereby declared the "*Palaro ng Bayan Week.*"

a. Stages of Competition. The Program is a community based multi-event sports meet. The stages of competition, are as follows:

i. Municipal Level. All barangays will compete in a municipal level meet to determine the composition of the municipal delegation.