

# **[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48, December 07, 1998 ]**

## **ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR DEVOLUTION ADJUSTMENT AND EQUALIZATION**

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 conferred upon local government units (LGUs) specific functions, powers and responsibilities to continue and effectively implement the delivery of basic services and facilities devolved to them by the national government agencies (NGAs) and offices pursuant to the provisions of said Code;

WHEREAS, the NGAs concerned have effected the devolution of basic services, powers and responsibilities and the transfer of assets, liabilities, personnel, equipment and records to LGUs not later than June 30, 1992 pursuant to Executive Order 503, series of 1992;

WHEREAS, the EO 503, series of 1992, likewise directed recipient LGUs to provide appropriate funds in their respective budgets for maintenance and other operating expenditures of the transferred personnel and assets, among others;

WHEREAS, based on the results of the status appraisal on the functions and services devolved to the LGUs, there is an urgent need to undertake resource mobilization and augment the funding required to ensure the effective implementation and delivery of devolved services and maintenance of transferred assets and facilities;

WHEREAS, to establish increased participation in achieving the priority agenda for action of the national government on food security and poverty alleviation, there is the urgency to address the critical needs and recognize the vital roles of local government units at all levels;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to ensure the full and effective implementation of devolved basic services and facilities by LGUs through the establishment of a mechanism for addressing policy, program and resource issues arising from the devolution of functions and services to the LGUs towards autonomy, decentralization and efficient governance;

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 that:

SECTION 1. Establishment of a Program for Devolution Adjustment and Equalization. A Program for Devolution Adjustment and Equalization is hereby established to facilitate the process of enhancing the capacities of local government units in the discharge of the functions and services devolved to them by the NGAs concerned pursuant to the Local Government Code.

The Program shall seek to achieve the following objectives: