

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39, December 03, 1992]

**CREATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL (PNAC)
AS A NATIONAL POLICY AND ADVISORY BODY IN THE
PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF HIV (Human Immunodeficiency
Virus) INFECTION AND AIDS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

Recognizing the increasing number of Filipinos infected with HIV and succumbing to the AIDS disease, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines continues to pour its resources into preventing and controlling the spread of the deadly virus to all segments of the population;

Further recognizing that the problem is getting bigger, there exists a need for an increased societal response from government agencies, non-governmental organizations, private volunteer groups and other parties;

Recognizing that government agencies and non-government organizations can contribute towards understanding the sensitivities and needs of those affected, and to the formulation of policies and programs concerning AIDS;

Appreciating the appropriate response of the government agencies in formulating and implementing policies and programs to contain the spread HIV;

Acknowledging that, in view of their contracts with and access to individuals and communities, their commitment and versatility, and their knowledge and experiences, non-governmental organizations can make a special impact on individuals and society regarding AIDS and the needs of HIV infected people and those already suffering from the disease;

Recognizing that a national policy established at the highest level and effective intervention programs are needed to address the multi-dimensional impact of the AIDS epidemic on society;

Recalling that among the objectives of the national programs for the prevention and control of AIDS are to prevent the spread of HIV through all modes of infection and to reduce the impact of the disease on individuals, societies and communities;

Recognizing that the epidemic is still in its early stages and there exists an opportunity to prevent infection among the rest of the population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by law,

1. AFFIRM that the roles of government agencies, non-government organizations, private volunteer groups and other parties in the national AIDS strategy are complementary, allowing them to contribute to the nationwide efforts in a manner