

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 589, April 17, 1980]

ADOPTING THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM AS THE IMPLEMENTING FRAMEWORK OF THE FIVE-YEAR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

WHEREAS, it is the established national policy to pursue vigorously the goal of regional development as a means to achieve economic growth, social justice and an equitable distribution of income within and among regions;

WHEREAS, under PD 1, LOI 542, LOI 542-A and PD 1200, the framework for regional planning, and its relationship to the national planning process has been set down and has led to the formulation, by each region, of their development plans;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to translate regional plans into concrete packages of programs and projects in the form of an investment program which systematically consolidates and integrates the development projects to be undertaken by national agencies, local government, other government regional entities and the private sector in the regions;

WHEREAS, there is need for a coherent set of guidelines for determining budgeting allocations to the various regions based on development programs and project priorities;

WHEREAS, a prototype development investment program which has been completed for the Central Visayas Region (Region VII) has provided a viable scheme in effective efficiency in resource and financial allocation as well as in promoting popular participation in the identification, selection and development of projects for implementation that have to be replicated in other regions, giving the regard to varying regional needs and circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. An investment program hereinafter referred to as the Regional Development Investment Program or RDIP shall be adopted, initially for Central Visayas (Region VII) and subsequently for all the other regions whenever appropriate and as experience warrants it, as the implementing program of the five-year regional development plan through the identification and development of programs and projects designed to substantiate the objectives and strategies of accelerating regional development.

Section 2. The RDIP shall serve as the primary basis for public sector resource allocation in the regions. Accordingly, all development activities pertaining to project development and implementation of the national government, local governments,