

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 549, July 23, 1979]

CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ISLAMIC AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the establishment of Autonomous Regions in Southern Philippines with their respective Regional Assemblies and Regional Executive Councils requires corresponding administrative changes in the administration of Islamic Affairs by the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, the President needs a more efficient system of staff assistance in the coordination and integration of all government activities affecting Islamic affairs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decrees Nos. 1, 830, 831, and 955, the President is granted continuing authority to reorganize the Office of the President consistent with the requirements imposed upon the Presidency as Chief Executive of the Government;

WHEREAS, the President is granted general and continuing authority to reorganize the entire administrative machinery of government pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1416;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order:

SECTION. Creation. – There is hereby created an Office of the Commissioner for Islamic Affairs under the Office of the President. It shall be headed by a Commissioner who shall be appointed by the President.

SEC. 2. Powers and Functions. – The Commissioner for Islamic Affairs shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Assist and, when so authorized, represent the President on matters concerning Islamic affairs;
- b. Provide advice and assistance to the President in the formulation, coordination, and implementation of policies affecting Islamic affairs;
- c. Serve as the link between the President and agencies and entities, both internal and external, that are involved in the administration or pursuit of operations, activities and projects involving Islamic affairs;
- d. Coordinate for the President all development programs on Islamic matters being implemented by various government agencies and entities;