

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 386, December 17, 1941 ]**

**PLACING THE RED STRIPE OF THE FILIPINO FLAG UP DURING  
THE PRESENT EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, it is prescribed under existing laws that the stripes of the Filipino Flag above the imaginary horizontal line of the quadrangular bunting starting from the third angle of the triangle and running straight from the left to the right border or side of the bunting be colored blue and the stripe below said imaginary line be colored red;

WHEREAS, it is a tradition of the Filipino people that in time of war, the flag shall be flown with the red stripe above and the blue stripe below in order to denote the valor, firmness and fortitude with which the Filipino people aim to prosecute such war to victory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL L. QUEZON, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby order that for the duration of the existing emergency and until otherwise ordered, the Filipino Flag shall be flown with the red stripe above and the blue stripe below. The Filipino Flag shall otherwise remain as prescribed under existing laws.

Done at the City of Manila, this 18th day of December, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the seventh.

**(Sgd.) MANUEL L. QUEZON**  
President of the Philippines

By the President:

**(Sgd.) JORGE B. VARGAS**  
Secretary to the President



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