

[PROCLAMATION NO. 1159, September 08, 2006]

DECLARING THE NEW BILIBID PRISON RESERVATION LOCATED IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNTINLUPA CITY AS GOVERNMENT AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING SITE WITH MIXED-USE COMPONENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION THEREOF TO QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES AND FOR OTHER USEFUL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 9 of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall, by law, undertake a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available at affordable cost, decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban cities and resettlement areas;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to pursue asset reform based on social justice and to serve as the springboard for sustainable rural development and industrialization pursuant to Article XII, Section I of the Constitution which affirms that the State shall promote industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural development and agrarian reform, through industries that make full and efficient use of human and natural resources;

WHEREAS, there is a need to guide and improve the allocation, utilization, management, and development of the country's land resources, and to ensure their optimum use, under the principles of economic growth and efficiency, social equity and justice;

WHEREAS, the government is aware that shelter programs generate multiple economic benefits to the marginalized sectors of society and result in the pump priming of our economy and the stimulation of growth in all sectors;

WHEREAS, the President has laid out a Ten-point Agenda to decongest Metro Manila by forming new cores of government and housing centers in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the President has directed the HUDCC to rationalize the land use and prepare a Master Development Plan to optimize the utilization of the remaining areas in the Muntinlupa Penitentiary for housing projects intended for government employees and legitimate occupants;

WHEREAS, such initiatives showcase the government's commitment to implement its poverty reduction strategies, particularly on assets reform that directs the redistribution of physical assets to the poor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare