

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 293, August 26, 2000 ]**

**FOR THE HOLDING OF THE FIRST NATIONAL SUMMIT ON  
CHILDREN**

WHEREAS , in preparation for its participation in the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the World Summit delineating the Goals for Children to be held on September 2001, there is a need for the Philippines to immediately hold a National Summit on Children, which shall take the form of a one-day consultative conference to be participated in by children and adult representatives from multi-sectoral governmental and non-governmental organizations from various regions of the country;

WHEREAS , the above-mentioned National Summit will give the President of the Republic of the Philippines a suitable opportunity to launch the Philippine National Development Plan for Children (otherwise known as "Child 21") and to deliver his State of the Filipino Child address;

WHEREAS , it is indeed appropriate for the above-mentioned National Summit to be held in October 2000, as the month of October is widely regarded as the month for children;

WHEREAS , this Administration is committed to the protection, survival, and development of Filipino children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA , President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. First National Summit on Children — There shall be held a National Summit on Children on 26 October 2000 at the Heroes Hall, Malacañang Palace, Manila.

SEC. 2. National Steering Committee — The Office shall be the primary policy-making and coordinating body of all child development programs and institutions in the Philippines.

SEC. 3. Powers and Responsibilities — (a) The Office of the Presidential Adviser for Children's Affairs shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- i. To advise the President on issues affecting children and to recommend such measures or programs that will complement the Estrada Administration's pro-poor agenda;
- ii. To review all legislation for children and to see if there is a need to introduce or amend legislation for the protection and welfare of children;
- iii. To facilitate the funding of programs and projects from both foreign and domestic fund sources; and