

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 312, March 27, 1996]

AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL CENTENNIAL COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES TO FINANCE ITS VARIOUS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 128, SERIES OF 1993

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 128, series of 1993, the National Centennial Commission (COMMISSION) has been tasked "to take charge of the nationwide preparations for the National Celebration of the Philippine Centennial of the Declaration of Philippine Independence and the Inauguration of the Malolos Congress;"

WHEREAS, among the priority projects lined up by the COMMISSION in connection with the centennial celebrations of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence in 1998 and the Inauguration of the Malolos Congress in 1999, are the following:

- "1. restoration of major national shrines like the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; the Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan; the Rizal Shrines in Calamba, Laguna and Dapitan; the Mabini Shrines in Tanauan, Batangas, and Pandacan, Manila; and other historical sites and landmarks;
- "2. holding of an international exposition at Clark Field with all nations that have touched our history participating;
- "3. an international conference to be attended and participated in by eminent local and international historians and scholars on Rizal and the events that led to the Revolution;
- "4. construction of a national monument to serve as a national landmark which will house the National Library and the National Museum to be known as the 'Heritage Center';
- "5. a Freedom Heritage Trail to mark the path blazed by the leaders of the Revolution from Kawit, Cavite to Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan; and
- "6. a bio-film on Dr. Jose Rizal of high international quality and impact to be produced and shown in 1996 on the occasion of the centennial of Rizal's martyrdom."

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated yearly by Congress for the maintenance and operation of the COMMISSION are not sufficient to enable the COMMISSION to implement the above projects and the other plans and programs of the COMMISSION for the centennial celebrations;

WHEREAS, to enable the COMMISSION to finance its various plans, programs and activities, it is necessary to authorize it to solicit donations, contributions and other