

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 319, April 03, 1996]

**INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MORAL RECOVERY PROGRAM (MRP)
IN ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, AGENCIES AND
GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS
THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEGRITY CIRCLES**

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the 1987 Constitution ordains and promulgates that "the sovereign Filipino people imploring the aid of Almighty God in order to build a just and humane society and establish a government that shall embody our ideals and aspirations, promote the common good, conserve and develop our patrimony and secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessing of independence and democracy under the rule of law and a regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality and peace;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 21 of the Constitution's Declaration of Principles and State Policies further provides that "[T]he state shall maintain honesty, integrity in the public service and take positive measures against graft and corruption;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 62 dated 30 September 1992 declared a Moral Recovery Program in response to the need to strengthen the moral resources of the Filipino people rooted in Filipino culture, values and ideals that are pro God, pro people, pro country and pro nature;

WHEREAS, the same proclamation has declared the Moral Recovery Program as official government policy and enjoined the active participation of all sectors in Filipino Society;

WHEREAS, the MRP vision is a Filipino nation that is God-centered, people-empowered, prosperous national community living in Unity, Justice, Freedom, Love and Peace governed by a visionary government that is democratic, responsive and effective, graft-free, transparent and self-corrective with a community of civil and military servants who are professional, competent, disciplined and trustworthy;

WHEREAS, despite earlier proclamations to create Moral Recovery consciousness, and issuance of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees (R.A. No. 6713), graft and corruption, lack of discipline, dishonesty, patronage, etc., continue to taint the public service;

WHEREAS, during the Third National Summit on Peace and Order, a Covenant for Peace and National Progress through moral enhancement and transformation was adopted requiring the Government Sector's action plan to be institutionalized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby enjoin and order: