

[**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 234, April 07, 1995**]

ESTABLISHING THE GINGOOG BAY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Medium-Term Fisheries Management and Development Program under the Department of Agriculture's Medium-Term Agriculture Development Plan identifies Gingoog Bay as one of the country's key fisheries development area;

WHEREAS, developing Gingoog Bay as well as its surrounding municipalities of Balingoan, Talisayan, Medina and Gingoog City requires addressing urgent concerns like environmental protection, poverty alleviation, local autonomy, eco-tourism and sustainable growth;

WHEREAS, the land and the waters of the Gingoog Bay are limited natural resources requiring concerted efforts to ensure their optimal utilization and renewability to preserve its ecological balance;

WHEREAS, to enable the government to translate into reality the thrust to preserve the country's marine and coastal resources through community-based efforts consistent with the concepts of sustainable development and people empowerment, there is a need to create a body that shall formulate and implement short- and long-term plans for the area covered herein as well as address certain policy, planning and implementation issues, and to coordinate and integrate all environment and natural resources management of related government and non-government activities in the Gingoog Bay area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created under the Office of the President, the **Gingoog Bay Development Council**, hereinafter referred as the "Council", composed of the following:

Secretary, Department of - Chairman
Environment and Natural
Resources

Secretary, Department of - Vice-Chairman
Agriculture

Office of the Executive - Member
Secretary

Secretary, Department of - Member
Interior and Local Government

CORD for Region XI - Member

Governor of Misamis Oriental - Member

Mayors of the concerned Local - Members
Government Units