

# [ GENERAL ORDER NO. 56, October 16, 1976 ]

## LIFTING THE CURFEW BEFORE AND DURING THE NATIONAL REFERENDUM-PLEBISCITE

WHEREAS, I directed under Presidential Decree No. 991, as amended, the holding of a National Referendum-Plebiscite for all the barangays on October 16, 1976;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the members of the barangays should be able to move about freely in order that the voting may be finished at the earliest possible time and to enable the referendum-plebiscite officials to perform their duties and functions without any hindrance;

WHEREAS, by virtue of General Order No. 4, as amended, I ordered that a curfew be maintained and enforced throughout the Philippines between 12:00 o'clock midnight and 4:00 o'clock in the morning, except Metro Manila where curfew is enforced between 1:00 o'clock to 4:00 o'clock in the morning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby order that the provisions of General Order No. 4, as amended, shall be suspended during the following periods:

### In Metro Manila

From 1:00 o'clock to 4:00 o'clock in the morning of October 17, 1976;

### In Areas Outside Metro Manila

From 12:00 o'clock midnight of October 16, 1976 to 4:00 o'clock in the morning of October 17, 1976.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of October in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

**(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS**  
President  
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

**(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA**  
Presidential Assistant

