

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1429, June 10, 1978]

REVISING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 124, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1182.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1978, I appealed to the political Opposition and to the representatives of the various political factions in the Philippines to forget the bitterness of the last election and unite for the sake of the national interest;

WHEREAS, one of the perceived obstacles to the achievement of national unity is the detention of persons who have been charged with such crimes as subversion, rebellion, sedition, illegal possession of firearms, and other offenses defined and penalized in the Revised Penal Code, committed on the occasion or furtherance of, or in relation to the crimes of rebellion, subversion or sedition, which persons may be judged to be deserving of society's understanding and forgiveness;

WHEREAS, in accordance with my call to national reconciliation and unity, it is now imperative to proclaim an amnesty in favor of said deserving persons, even without further inquiry into their guilt or innocence and without waiting for final judgment by the court or tribunal before which said charges are pending;

WHEREAS, to hasten the restoration of tranquility and stability of the nation, and pursuant to the government policy of reconciliation with persons who have been arrested and/or charged as transgressors of the law, it is necessary that amnesty be extended further to persons who may have committed certain acts penalized by existing laws as well as those who, the judgment of the President of the Philippines, are deserving of amnesty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, by virtue of the powers vested in me as President of the Philippines, do hereby order and decree the following:

SECTION 1. *Proclamation of Amnesty.*—Amnesty is hereby decreed in favor of all persons who have been arrested and/or charged, or although not arrested and/or charged may have committed acts which make them liable for, violation of the provisions of Republic Act No. 1700, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 885, and those who have been arrested for, and/or charged or chargeable with crimes against public order as defined and penalized under the Revised Penal Code, including those crimes and offenses which may have been committed by said persons in furtherance thereof.

SEC. 2. *Persons Disqualified.*—The following persons are disqualified from amnesty under this Decree:

- a. Those who have promoted, maintained or headed a rebellion or insurrection or who, while holding public office or employment, took part therein, engaged in war against the forces of the Government, destroyed property or committed serious violence, exacted contributions or diverted public funds from the lawful purpose for which they had been appropriated; provided that persons who have been arrested and/or charged with having merely participated or executed the commands of others in a rebellion may be granted amnesty.
- b. Those who have been arrested and/or charged with murder, homicide, serious physical injuries, crimes against chastity, robbery, piracy, arson, hijacking,