[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1240, November 11, 1977]

CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOSEFINA IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR.

WHEREAS, the fundamental aim of the government is to provide every possible opportunity and facility to accelerate the pace of progress throughout the country not only in areas where economic development lagged out but likewise in places where political reasons, among others, constitute a stumbling block toward the early realization of the ideals of the New Society;

WHEREAS, the necessity is felt, in order to maximize the efficacy of law and order and to expedite optimum development in the proposed municipality as same would enhance the progress and development of the localities involved for, in this regard, government projects would be subjected to closer attention of local officials;

WHEREAS, the creation of the proposed municipality will redound and contribute greatly to the maintenance of peace and order and to the pacification drive to restore normalcy in the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed municipality will become a self-reliant community once intensified government projects are made in line with the declared policy of the government to uplift the socio-economic well-being of the residents therein;

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

SECTION 1. Barangay Bogo Calabat, Sebukang, Nopolan, LOwer BAg-ong Tudela, Leonardo, Gumahan, Mansanas, Nemenio, Moradje, Dawa, Tagaytay Hill, Lipatan and Ebarle, all in the Municipality of Tambulig, Province of Zamboanga del Sur, are hereby detached and separated therefrom to form and constitute into a distinct and independent municipality which is hereby created to be known as the Municipality of Josefina without affecting in any manner the legal existence of the mother Municipality of tambulig. The new municipality shall be specifically bounded as follows:

"Beginning at a point marked "1" the existing barrio hall of Bogo Calabat, thence due south, 2,100 meters to point "2", thence due west, 3,000 meters to point "3"; thence due north 19,200 meters to point "4"; (the intersection of Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur Provincial Boundary) thence due east following the common boundary of Zamboanga del Norte to a distance of 5,200 meters until it intersects the provincial boundary of Misamis Occidental and Zamboanga del Sur to point "5"; thence due south following the common provincial boundary of Misamis Occidental and Zamboanga del Sur to a distance of 17,200 meters to point "6"; thence due west 1,250 meters to point "7"; thence due south 1,300 meters to "8"; thence due west 1,000 meters to point "9"; (identical to point 2) thence due north 2,100 meters to point "1" the point beginning."