[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 219, June 19, 1973]

IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION WITH REGARD TO THE SALARIES OF THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the new Constitution took effect on January 17, 1973, following its ratification by the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, thereunder, the Commission on Elections shall be composed of a Chairman and eight Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is *provided* in Article XII-A, Section 2, that "Unless otherwise provided by law, the Chairman and each Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of sixty thousand pesos and fifty thousand pesos, respectively";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the

Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, do hereby order and decree as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any fund in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated so much as may be necessary to implement Article XII-A, Section 2, of the Constitution up to the end of the current fiscal year. Thereafter, the necessary appropriation therefore shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Decree.

SEC. 2. The payment of the salaries as provided for under Article XII-A, Section 2 of the Constitution shall be effective from assumption of office.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

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

By the President:

(Sgd.) ROBERTO V. REYES

Assistant Executive Secretary