

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 281, August 28, 1973**]

CREATING A PASIG RIVER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PASIG RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND PROVIDING THE COUNCIL WITH THE POWER TO ADMINISTER THE PASIG RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TRUST ACCOUNT.

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the Government to protect and transform the human environment in order to bring about accelerated socio-economic development as well as the opportunity to enhance the quality of life of the greater number of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the development plan takes into account the efficient management and optimum utilization of all the natural ecosystems such as the bodies of water that run through and across our lands;

WHEREAS, the Pasig River which is the major determinant of the complex of human activities in the country must be safeguarded for the benefit of the present and future generations of Filipinos through careful planning and management;

WHEREAS, the discharge of harmful substances and the release of heat into the river, the lack of control over the use of the water-ways and the continued presence of obstructions have adversely affected the Pasig River as a tool for development; and

WHEREAS, it has become imperative to adopt an integrated and coordinated approach to the development planning and implementation of Pasig River requiring the exertion of effort of everyone, government and private sectors alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, as amended, do hereby promulgate this Decree creating a Pasig River Development Council, with the Executive Secretary as the overall Coordinator, personally entrusted with the duty to integrate and oversee the functions and activities of both the government sector, as represented by the Council and the private sector who shall form a similar counterpart Council.

The above-mentioned Council shall be composed of the following officials to represent the Government sector:

The Secretary, Department of Public Works, Transportation & Communications	Chairman
The Secretary, Department of Tourism	Vice-Chairman
The Director, Bureau of Public Works	Member
The Commissioner, Bureau of	Member