

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 152, May 26, 2006]

DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THE PLANNING, COORDINATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND CONDUCT OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN-FRIENDSHIP DAY

WHEREAS, July 4, 2006 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Philippine-American Friendship Day;

WHEREAS, one of the eight major elements of the foreign policy environment of the Arroyo administration is our strong and enduring historical, cultural, economic and security relationship with the United States;

WHEREAS, the milestone event of the 60th Anniversary of the Philippine-American Friendship Day must be appropriately observed to promote the spirit of our strong relationship with the United States in accordance with the foreign policy of the Arroyo administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The Department of Foreign Affairs is hereby designated to take the lead in planning, coordinating, implementing and conducting the programs and activities commemorating the Philippine-American Friendship Day on July 4, 2006.

Section 2. As the leader of this event, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall immediately convene a Task Force to plan and implement effectively all programs, projects and activities relating to the said national event.

Section 3. The Task Force shall be composed of officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and other departments and agencies designated by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

Section 4. All departments, bureaus, offices, national government agencies and local government units and government-owned and -controlled corporations are hereby enjoined to give full support, assistance and cooperation to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs in the exercise of his responsibilities under this Order.

Section 5. All branches of government charged with promoting the historical, cultural, economic and security relationship between the Philippines and the United States are enjoined to participate in the 60th Anniversary celebration of the Philippine-American Friendship Day as well as to enlist the participation of private sector groups and non-government organizations to ensure the success of the