

## [ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 13, July 02, 2001 ]

### **DELEGATING THE POWER OF THE PRESIDENT PERTAINING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES FROM THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND BELOW UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PROPER AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

**WHEREAS**, the executive power is vested in the President of the Philippines pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the power of control over all the executive departments, bureaus, and offices is vested in the President pursuant to Article VII, Section VII of the Constitution and Book III, Section 1 of the Administrative Code of 1987;

**WHEREAS**, the appointing power is essentially an executive function pursuant to Book III Chapter 5, Section 16 of the Administrative Code of 1987 which provides, "The President shall exercise the power to appoint such officials as provided for in the Constitution and laws";

**WHEREAS**, implicit in the power to appoint is the authority of the President to accept the resignations of presidential appointees under the Office of the President and its attached agencies;

**WHEREAS**, sound principles of organization and governance demand that the President be able to concentrate on more urgent and vital functions;

**WHEREAS**, the President's multifarious executive and administrative functions may be carried out and performed by and through the executive departments under the control of the President;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** *Delegation of Authority.* – The authority to accept the resignations of presidential appointees working under the Office of the President and its attached agencies from the level of Assistant Secretary and below is hereby delegated to the Executive Secretary.

**SEC. 2.** *Repealing Clause.* – All executive orders and other issuances and authorizations not consistent with this Administrative Order are hereby modified or repealed.

**SEC. 3.** *Effectivity.* – This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.