

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 131, July 19, 2000 ]**

**DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE AS THE  
INITIATOR AND IMPLEMENTATOR OF THE VARIOUS  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS RELATING TO THE PHILIPPINE-  
AMERICAN WAR**

WHEREAS, on February 4, 1999, the nation commemorated the centennial of the Outbreak of the Philippine-American War which signaled the start of other major battles between the Filipino revolutionists and the American forces;

WHEREAS, on their great resolve to defend the Republic from the American forces, the Filipino patriots offered their lives in defense of the Motherland through the many battles fought throughout the Philippine archipelago;

WHEREAS, some of these major battles fought by the Filipino freedom fighters under the leadership of General Emilio Aguinaldo during the Philippine-American War include the "Battle of Cagayan de Misamis" (April 7, 1900) and "Battle of Makahambus Hills" on June 4, 1900, both in Cagayan de Oro City; the "Battle of Paye" (July 31, 1900) in Boac, Marinduque; the "Battle of Mabitac" (September 17, 1900), and many others of local and national historical significance;

WHEREAS, it is important that the heroic deeds and patriotism of our heroes and heroines during the Philippine-American War which contributed immensely to the freedom and political emancipation of our people and the final march towards national progress must be inculcated in the minds of our citizenry, particularly the youth of the land;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1, dated September 24, 1972 which created the National Historical Institute and Executive Order No. 80, dated March 5, 1999 which provides for the National Center for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) to have administrative supervision over the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Commission on Filipino Language, National Museum, National Historical Institute, National Library and the Archives Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby constituted a National Executive Committee to commemorate the various centennial celebrations relating to the Philippine-American War which shall be composed of the Chairman and Executive Director of the National Historical Institute, as Chairman, with the following members:

Undersecretary of Tourism  
Undersecretary of Education, Culture and Sports  
Undersecretary of Public Works and Highways  
Undersecretary of Interior and Local Government