

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 71, December 13, 2018 ]**

**RENAMING THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AS THE  
COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND  
REVERTING ITS ATTACHMENT TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC  
AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS,** Presidential Decree (PD) No. 79, as amended, or the "Revised Population Act of the Philippines," created the Commission on Population (POPCOM) under the Office of the President, to formulate and adopt coherent, integrated and comprehensive long-term plans, programs, and recommendations on population as it relates to economic and social development consistent with and implementing the population policy, including undertaking a national program of family planning involving both public and private sectors which respect the religious beliefs and values of our citizens;

**WHEREAS,** the POPCOM was attached to the Department of Health (DOH) through Executive Order (EO) No. 188 (s. 2003);

**WHEREAS,** under EO No. 230 (s. 1987), the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) is the authority primarily responsible for formulating continuing, coordinated and fully integrated social and economic policies, plans and programs;

**WHEREAS,** in order to strengthen the development and implementation by the POPCOM of population-related plans, policies, programs and projects in the pursuit of socio-economic development reforms and programs, there is a need to enhance its coordination with the NEDA;

**WHEREAS,** strengthening the integration of population and development is one of the identified strategies under the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 to increase the country's potential economic growth;

**WHEREAS,** under Section 84 of Republic Act No. 10964, or the "General Appropriations Act for FY 2018," the President is authorized to create new offices and modify the existing organizational structure of the agencies in the Executive Branch, as well as create new positions or modify existing ones, whenever public interest so requires; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 17, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the President shall have control of all executive departments, bureaus and offices and shall ensure that laws are faithfully executed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE,** President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order: