

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28, June 20, 2017]

PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES

WHEREAS, it is a Filipino tradition to use firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices to celebrate events of personal, religious, cultural and national importance;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7183 contains illustrative lists of what comprises firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices, and provides for the regulation and control of their manufacture, sale, distribution and use consistent with, and in furtherance of, public safety, order and national security, as well as the enhancement of the cultural traditions;

WHEREAS, the said law authorizes the Philippine national Police (PNP) through its Director-general, to determine what constitutes prohibited firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices, and to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to regulate and control their use after public hearing and consultation with the firecrackers and pyrotechnic industry;

WHEREAS, local chief executives are likewise authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations on firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices within their territorial jurisdiction in conformity with the national standards, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, as there continues to be a substantial number of firecracker related injuries, even casualties, recorded every year, some involving mere bystanders, the promulgation of stricter national standards, rules and regulations is warranted;

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

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

Section 1. Community Fireworks Display. To minimize the risk of injuries and casualties, the use of firecrackers shall henceforth be confined to community fireworks displays.

A display of fireworks qualifies as a community fireworks display if it complies with all of the following conditions:

- a. It is conducted on the occasion or as part of a celebration, competition, or similar event held in a venue other than a place of