

[**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 582-A, March 01, 2010**]

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 582 DATED 4 DECEMBER 2006 , ENTITLED "STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF AUTHENTICATING DOCUMENTS INTENDED FOR USE ABROAD AND TRANSFERRING THE AUTHENTICATION OFFICE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS"

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 493 (EO 493) dated 05 January 1978, issued pursuant to the legislative power of then President Ferdinand Marcos, authorized the Office of the President to charge authentication fees;

WHEREAS, Batas Pambansa Blg. 325 (BP 325) dated 27 December 1982 authorized the Office of the President, *inter alia* to revise such fees and charges, sufficient to cover administrative costs;

WHEREAS, Letter of Instructions No. 1446 (LOI 1446), dated 23 January 1985, issued pursuant to the legislative power of then President Ferdinand Marcos, mandated that authentication fees collected by the Office of the President pursuant to EO 493 and BP 325 are hereby set aside as a trust fund for the exclusive use of the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 582 (EO 582) dated 4 December 2006, entitled "*Streamlining the Process of Authenticating Documents Intended for Use Abroad and Transferring the Authentication Office from the Office of the President to the Department of Foreign Affairs,*" mandated the Office of Consular Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA, OCA) to be the agency responsible for authenticating documents;

WHEREAS, EO 582, dated 4 December 2006 further provides that revenues collected or receipts of any kind from the streamlining authentication process shall be remitted to or deposited intact with the National Treasury and that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall allocate an appropriate amount, proposed by the DFA-OCA, for the operations of the Office;

WHEREAS, EO 582, dated 4 December 2006 being an Executive Issuance, may not directly repeal or amend EO 493, dated 5 January 1978 and LOI 1446, dated 23 January 1985 both issued pursuant to the legislative power of then President Ferdinand Marcos;

WHEREAS, there is a need to harmonize the provisions of EO 582, dated 4 December 2006 with the provisions of EO 493, dated 5 January 1978 and LOI 1446, dated 23 January 1985, as well as BP 325, dated 27 December 1982.

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