

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 44, December 02, 1998]

DECLARING THE PHILIPPINE YOUTH GAMES – BATANG PINOY AS THE NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, Section 19 (1), Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that “the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions and amateur sports including training for international competition, to foster self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry”;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6847, created the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) under the Office of the President, to carry out this constitutional mandate in coordination with the various government departments, agencies and private entities;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 63 (s. 1993) created the national, regional, provincial, city, municipal and barangay Physical Fitness and Sports Development Councils (PFSDCs), which shall act as the nationwide organizational network to assist the PSC in the planning, information dissemination, actual implementation and monitoring of the National Policy and Program of “Sports For All” as embodied in Executive Order No. 64 (s. 1993) and based on the universal principle adopted by the UNESCO International Chapter for Physical Education and Sports wherein the Philippines is a charter signatory;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Sports Commission, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and the various PFSDCs have launched the Philippine National Games as the “centerpiece program” toward the next millennium by virtue of Executive Order No. 163 (s. 1994);

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Games, a biennial national tournament for highly competitive athletes, has envisioned to strengthen its talent base by including competitions for young children thereby harnessing the full potential of our people;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Youth Games – Batang Pinoy, being an integral part of the national policy and program for sports development will effectively address our need for a comprehensive grassroots program centered on values formation inherent in the practice of sports and play (e.g. patriotism, nationalism, self-discipline, respect for law and order, hardwork, teamwork, camaraderie, sportsmanship and fair play), thus, eliminating the child’s chances of becoming a juvenile delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the program can serve as recruitment base for sports specialization including training for other high level leagues, national tournaments and intentional competitions.