

[ **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 163, March 03, 1994** ]

**DECLARING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES AS THE CENTERPIECE PROGRAM**

**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 competitions, 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 and agencies and private entities;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 63 created the National, Regional, Provincial, City, Municipal, and Barangay Physical Fitness and Sports Development Councils (PFSDC), which shall act as the nationwide organizational network to assist the Philippine Sports Commission in the planning, information dissemination, and actual implementation and monitoring of the National Policy and Program of "SPORTS FOR ALL";

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Sports Commission, in accordance with the National Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council (NPFSDC) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), has launched the PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES as the centerpiece program of the government's national physical fitness and sports development effort towards PHILIPPINES 2000;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Games program is envisioned to effectively address our need for a truly comprehensive grassroots sports development program, generating sports activities in the countryside and harnessing the full potential of our people to athletic excellence in line with the PHILIPPINES 2000;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** All local government units constituting the Physical Fitness and Sports Development Councils pursuant to Executive Order No. 63, are hereby directed to extend their full support and active participation in the Philippine National Games.

**SEC. 2.** All said local government units are hereby authorized to appropriate whatever amount is necessary from their available budget for the promotion of the National Policy and Program of "SPORTS FOR ALL", including a well-synchronized year-round calendar of sports activities and competitions culminating with the celebration of the National Games.