

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 605, July 25, 1980]

**IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT,
CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE REGIONAL CITIES
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

WHEREAS, it is the established policy of the Government, to promote regional development to achieve economic growth, social justice and equitable distribution of income within and among regions;

WHEREAS, intermediate and smaller cities and their needs for infrastructure and industry have, in the past, been neglected as a focus of national policy and there are striking disparities in the provision of economic and social infrastructure in different urban areas;

WHEREAS, the role of the principal regional cities is easily discernable and removing bottlenecks to economic development in these cities will significantly help stimulate growth in each sub-region affected and will induce development of a regional urban hierarchy;

WHEREAS, there is presently being undertaken the identification of initial priority areas and preparation of plans for such areas for inclusion in the proposed Regional Cities Development Project, with technical assistance being provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create the organization to implement the aforementioned Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Establishment of Project. The Regional Cities Development Project, hereinafter referred to as the Project, is hereby declared as a project of the national government with the following objectives:

- a) Identify and prepare investment programs in basic infrastructure of selected regional cities to remove bottlenecks to economic development and employment potential;
- b) Improve urban management in the areas of planning, budgeting and finance, maintenance of public investments, and delivery of essential services; and
- c) Provide basic sanitation and shelter particularly to low-income groups.