

# **[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 347, September 22, 1950 ]**

## **PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF BARANGAY ASSOCIATIONS**

WHEREAS, ideals and practices hostile to our heritage of freedom have found lodgement in our midst, seeking to undermine and destroy our society and government which it has nourished;

WHEREAS, the family unit has always stood as the well-spring of strength of our society and government from the earliest times; and

WHEREAS, the "barangay" of old, as organized family units, best represent the solidarity, cooperation and loyalty most needed to protect and preserve the free institutions our people have come to value and cherish;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, in order to preserve and strengthen the civic virtues of the citizenry, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations governing the organization of barangay associations.

SECTION 1. Unless the public interest otherwise requires, and the Secretary of the Interior so recommends, barangay associations shall be organized by every city, municipal or district mayor under the following standards:

(1) Barangay associations to be organized shall be on the basis more or less of the territorial jurisdiction of the present barrios in each city, municipality or district. Where a barrio is too big or too densely populated for administrative purposes, it may be subdivided into two or more barangay associations composed of as many families as they may deem wise and necessary for the purpose of carrying out the objectives for which the barangay association is organized.

(2) There shall be a head in each barangay association who shall be chosen for a term of one year by a majority of all the members of legal age and who shall be moved in the manner provided in the rules and regulations of the association. Barangay associations shall provide in their articles of association for the appointment or election and removal of other officials and employees as may be necessary, prescribe their qualifications, and fix their term of office.

(3) Barangay associations shall be under the administrative supervision of the city, municipal or district mayor concerned through the respective councilors.

(4) Families situated in groups or residents living together within mining fields, factories or enterprises, all of whom cannot be organized into a Barangay association in accordance with the provisions hereof, may be organized into special