

[PROCLAMATION NO. 537, January 19, 2004]

EXCLUDING FROM THE OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 781, SERIES OF 1935, WHICH RESERVED FOR THE PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY (NOW THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE) A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF TENEGUIBAN (NOW TINIGUIBAN), MUNICIPALITY (NOW CITY) OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, A PARCEL OF LAND EMBRACED THEREIN AND DECLARING THE SAME OPEN FOR DISPOSITION AS SOCIALIZED HOUSING SITE UNDER A USUFRUCT SCHEME

WHEREAS, it is priority concern of the Government to provide housing to homeless Filipinos in line with the constitution mandate for the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology, decent living conditions and social justice;

WHEREAS, mass housing has been reaffirmed by this government as a centerpiece program in its poverty alleviation efforts pursuant to Executive Order No. 20 dated 28 May 2001;

WHEREAS, mass housing may be effected, among others, through the regularization of land tenure of informal settles on government-owned land which have not been used for the purposes for which they have been reserved or set aside for the past ten (10) years from effectivity of Republic Act No. 7279, pursuant to Executive Order No. 131 dated 01 October 2001;

WHEREAS, such initiative showcases this Administration's seriousness in its anti-poverty strategies, particularly on assets reform that directs the redistribution of physical assets to the poor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare as excluded from the operation of Proclamation No. 781, series of 1935, which reserved for the Philippine Constabulary (now the Philippine National Police) a parcel of land of the public domain situated in the Barrio of Teneguiban (now Tiniguiban) Municipality (now City) of Puerto Princesa, Province of Palawan, a parcel of land embraced therein and declaring the same open for disposition as socialized housing site under a usufruct scheme, which tract of land in generally described as follows:

LOT NO. 2596-B

Cad 800-D

A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 2596-B of the Subdivision Plan, Being a portion of Lot 2596, Cad-800-D, Puerto Princesa Cadastre), situated in Barangay Tiniguiban, City of