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AUTHORIZING THE PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY TO CONDUCT A NATIONAL FUND AND EDUCATIONAL DRIVE DURING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 19 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1954

WHEREAS, the Philippine Tuberculosis Society, performing as it does an essential public health service, has long been cooperating, intensively and extensively, with the Government in its anti-tuberculosis program, as a result of which very marked progress has been attained in the crusade against this scourge in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this humanitarian work being undertaken by the Society be pursued more vigorously and without disruption so that the rate of mortality and incidence of tuberculosis may be kept gradually down to the minimum attainable and the health of the nation may thereby be preserved; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis being a socio-economic ill of incalculable deleterious effects upon our manpower and national economy, the Society deserves continued public support, moral as well as material, to enable it to carry on its noble mission of service;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby authorize the Philippine Tuberculosis Society to conduct a national fund and educational drive during the period from August 19 to September 30, 1954. I call upon all citizens and residents of the Philippines, irrespective of nationality or creed, to assist in this humanitarian campaign by giving generously of their means so that we may keep this dreadful disease under control. I authorize all the treasurers of provincial, city and municipal governments as well as school officials to accept, for the Philippine Tuberculosis Society, voluntary contributions and donations and to issue official receipts therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the ninth.

(SGD.) RAMON MAGSAYSAY President of the Philippines

By the President: (SGD.) FRED RUIZ CASTRO Executive Secretary