

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 472, November 30, 2005]

**TRANSFERRING THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH**

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 491 promulgated on 24 June 1974 created the National Nutrition Council (NNC) as the highest policy making and coordinating body on nutrition under the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, during the 1980 bureaucracy-wide reorganization including that of the Office of the President, NNC was transferred to the Department of Agriculture (DA);

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 234, "Reorganizing the National Nutrition Council" issued on 22 July 1987 transferred and attached NNC from DA to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) which reaffirmed the need for an inter-sectoral national policy making and coordinating body on nutrition;

WHEREAS, Section 27 of Executive Order No. 116 in relation to Section 25 of Executive Order No. 123, both series of 1987, authorized changes in the organization of the DA and the DSWD, respectively to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 88 issued on 26 August 1988 transferred NNC from the DSWD back to the DA with the representative of DA in the Governing Board designated as the NNC Chairperson;

WHEREAS, equally important to ensuring food security and addressing hunger, nutritional needs should be addressed during the first two years of life and the interventions should address the immediate needs as well as its root causes;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that NNC shall be effective in the performance of its role, it shall be attached to a client-oriented agency addressing the needs of the priority target population groups;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the National Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by laws do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. The National Nutrition Council is hereby transferred from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Health.