



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 109

**REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY
AFFAIRS, FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 709
(S. 2008) FOR THE PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1509 (s. 1978), as amended by PD No. 1761 (s. 1981), created the National Commission Concerning Disabled Persons (NCCDP) to direct, coordinate, and integrate the planning, management, and implementation of all activities of government agencies pertaining to the welfare of disabled persons;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 123 (s. 1987), as amended by EO No. 232 (s. 1987), renamed the NCCDP as the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP) and directed the same to formulate policies, coordinate the activities of all agencies, and monitor the implementation of national laws and international commitments relating to the welfare, protection, and promotion of rights and well-being of disabled persons;

WHEREAS, EO No. 709 (s. 2008), as amended by EO No. 33 (s. 2011), renamed the NCWDP as the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) and redefined the functions and organizational structure of the Council;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722 or the "Higher Education Act of 1994" mandates the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to promote relevant and quality higher education and ensure that it is accessible to all;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA No. 11201 or the "Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Act" provides that the DHSUD shall be the central housing authority of the Philippines tasked to improve Filipino communities by making housing and human settlements affordable, resilient, and inclusive;

WHEREAS, Section 4, Article II of RA No. 12145 provides the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) shall serve as the primary policy, planning, coordinating, and monitoring arm of the Executive Branch of government on national economy;

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WHEREAS, according to NCDA, the inclusion of CHED, DHSUD, and DEPDev as members of NCDA is crucial in ensuring that all persons with disability (PWDs) will have equal access to quality higher education, adequate and affordable housing, and inclusive socioeconomic development; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all the Executive departments, bureaus, and offices, and the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 3 of EO No. 709, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Composition of the Council. The National Council on Disability Affairs is composed of the Governing Board and its Secretariat. The Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," shall be headed by the Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development as *ex-officio* Chairperson, with the following members:

Department of Health;
Department of Labor and Employment;
Department of Education;
Department of the Interior and Local Government;
Department of Trade and Industry;
Department of Public Works and Highways;
Department of Transportation;
Department of Information and Communications Technology;
Department of Foreign Affairs;
Department of Justice;
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development;
Department of Economy, Planning, and Development;
Commission on Higher Education;
Philippine Information Agency;
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority; and
Six (6) private individuals including two (2) representatives from non-governmental organizations with national network on PWDs, two (2) **PWDs** representing legitimate PWD organizations, and two (2) representatives from civic groups and cause-oriented organizations with the welfare of PWDs, all of whom shall be appointed by the President upon the favorable recommendation of the Chairperson.

The heads of the concerned departments and agencies shall as much as possible attend the meetings of the Council. In their absence, department heads shall designate permanent and alternate representatives, preferably with the rank of Undersecretary and

Assistant Secretary, respectively, who may attend and participate at meetings of the Board for them."

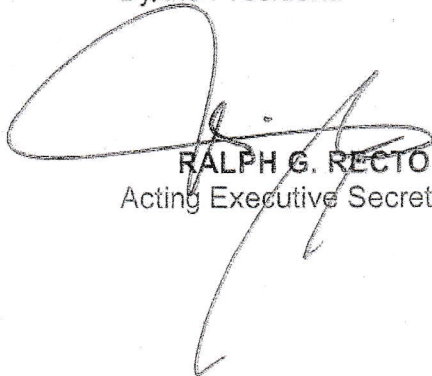
Section 2. Unaffected Provisions. Except as expressly modified by this Order, all other provisions of EO No. 709, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Repeal. All orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 6th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

By the President:


RALPH G. RECTO
Acting Executive Secretary

