



Office of the President
Malacañang

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 118

DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE 128TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 4166 declares the 12th day of June of every year as the Philippine Independence Day and enjoins all citizens of the Philippines to observe such day with rites befitting the occasion;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that the State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources;

WHEREAS, Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order No. 292 or the "Administrative Code of 1987" declared the 12th of June of every year as a regular holiday, in observance of Independence Day;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order (AO) No. 23 (s. 2011) established a Steering Committee on National Observances and designated the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) as the lead agency mandated to plan, organize, and undertake the commemoration of select historical events, including the Philippine Independence Day;

WHEREAS, pursuant to AO No. 23, the NHCP, in close coordination with the member-agencies of the Steering Committee on National Observances, shall spearhead the conduct of programs and activities for this year's celebration of the 128th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence which will be held from 28 May 2026 to 12 June 2026; and

WHEREAS, the success of the celebration of the 128th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence requires the active participation of all concerned government agencies and instrumentalities, as well as the support of local government units (LGUs) and the private sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:



All government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby directed, and all LGUs and the private sector are hereby encouraged, to extend full support and cooperation in the conduct of programs and activities in the celebration of the 128th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence, including the display of the Philippine Flag in all government offices from 28 May 2026 to 12 June 2026.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 13th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

By authority of the President:


RALPH G. RECTO
Acting Executive Secretary



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