

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
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ADOPTING THE "PANUNUMPA NG KATAPATAN SA WATAWAT"
AS THE OFFICIAL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOR ALL FILIPINOS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. For the information and guidance of the field, at the reverse side hereof is Executive Order No. 343 entitled, Adopting the "Panunumpa ng Katapatan sa Watawat" as the official pledge of allegiance for all Filipinos.
2. Pursuant to this Order, everybody is enjoined to learn the "Panunumpa ng Katapatan sa Watawat", reflect upon its words, and take to heart the dedication of nationhood that the pledge contains.
3. Compliance of all school officials, teachers, other personnel, pupils/students to this Order is enjoined.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Order is desired.


RICARDO T. GLORIA
Secretary

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1-2-3--(M.D. 1-87)

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under the following subjects:

✓EMPLOYEES
✓OFFICIALS
✓PUPILS

✓STUDENTS
✓TEACHERS

MALACAÑANG
MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 343

ADOPTING THE "PANUNUMPA NG KATAPATAN SA WATAWAT" AS THE
OFFICIAL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOR ALL FILIPINOS

WHEREAS, we, as a nation, will commemorate the centennial of the proclamation of Philippine Independence on 12 June 1998 which celebration becomes more meaningful to the citizenry if their sense of history and nationhood is properly evoked;

WHEREAS, the "Panunumpa ng Katapatan sa Watawat" finalized by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts from a draft prepared by the Commission on the Filipino Language is a soul stirring pledge that we can call truly ours, evincing as it does, a sense of nationhood and the values that every freedom-loving and nationalistic Filipino ought to possess;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby adopt and institutionalize the "Panunumpa ng Katapatan sa Watawat" as the official oath of allegiance for all Filipinos. I hereby direct each and every citizen to learn the "Panunumpa ng Katapatan sa Watawat", reflect upon its words and take to heart the dedication to nationhood that the pledge contains:

Ako ay Pilipino
Buong katapatang nanunumpa
Sa watawat ng Pilipinas
At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag
Na may dangal, katarungan at kalayaan
Na pinakikilos ng sambayanang
Maka-Diyos,
Makakalikasan,
Maka-tao, at
Makabansa.

This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

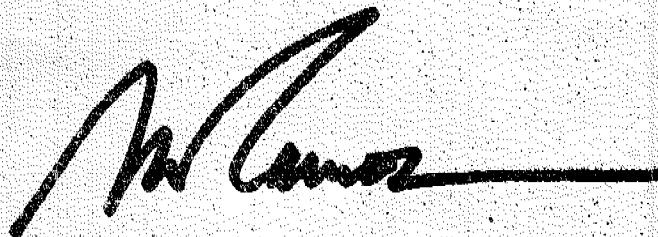
DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of June in the year of
Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

By the President



RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary



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