



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

**PSA Board Resolution No. 09
Series of 2015**

**ENJOINING SUPPORT TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF WORLD STATISTICS DAY**

WHEREAS, the Philippines has been observing the National Statistics Month (NSM) since 1990 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, Series of 1990, "Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as the National Statistics Month;"

WHEREAS, the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) reports that, along with the Philippines, 101 other countries and areas have been celebrating a statistics day, week or month to raise the profile of official statistics;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC), in its 41st Session held on 23-26 February 2010, endorsed 20 October 2010 as the date of the first World Statistics Day (WSD), to be observed by national, subregional, regional, and international statistical offices or entities;

WHEREAS, to support the first WSD celebration, the former National Statistical Coordination Board issued NSCB Board Resolution No. 06, "Enjoining Support to and Participation in the Nationwide Observance of World Statistics Day" on 12 May 2010, and endorsed to the President of the Philippines the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation relevant to the occasion;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 43, "Declaring October 20, 2010 as World Statistics Day" was signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III on 01 October 2010;

WHEREAS, following the strong worldwide support and various recommendations of national statistical offices on the first WSD celebration, the UNSC, at its 43rd Session held in March 2012, confirmed the recommendation that WSD be celebrated every five years, with the next celebration occurring in 2015;

WHEREAS, the UNSC, at its 46th Session held in March 2015, invites Member States, UN organizations and other international and civil society organizations to observe the "World Statistics Day" on 20 October 2015 with an overarching theme, "*Better data. Better lives*";

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WHEREAS, on 03 June 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the resolution endorsed by the UNSC along with some member states including the Philippines, designating 20 October 2015 as the second World Statistics Day, under the general theme, "*Better data. Better lives,*" and that the WSD be celebrated every five years, on 20 October;

WHEREAS, the WSD will be celebrated in the Philippines on 20 October 2015 in consonance with the 26th NSM and in recognition of the crucial role of statistics in nation-building and tracking progress through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as new and emerging concerns such as data revolution, preparations for the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme, among others;

WHEREAS, the WSD will serve as an advocacy tool to further support the work of statisticians across different settings, cultures and domains as well as promote public knowledge and accessibility to timely, reliable and quality statistics for evidence-based and efficient decision-making;

WHEREAS, during this worldwide celebration, activities at the national level will highlight the importance of official statistics in monitoring key socioeconomic development programs focused on inclusive growth and improved access to health facilities and social protection programs, aimed at uplifting the welfare and productivity of the Filipino society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board: (1) enjoins the support and participation of the members of the PSS to the nationwide observance of World Statistics Day on 20 October 2015; and (2) endorses to the Office of the President the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation on the nationwide observance of World Statistics Day on 20 October 2015 (Annex BR 09-20150616-01);

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the:

1. PSA lead the 2nd WSD celebration in the Philippines by:
 - (a) facilitating sharing of information regarding the activities being planned to celebrate WSD in the Philippines, particularly thru the PSA and UNSD websites; and
 - (b) coordinating various programs/activities to be undertaken during the WSD celebration;
2. PSS agencies submit listing of activities for the WSD to the PSA for approval of the Steering Committee of the 13th NCS/26th NSM established to provide direction and guidance in the preparation for the conduct of interagency


activities and programs to be undertaken during the celebration of the 26th NSM in October 2015 and organization of the 13th NCS in October 2016.

Approved this 16th day of June 2015 in Pasig City.



ARSENIO M. BALISACAN
PSA Board Chairperson and
Socioeconomic Planning Secretary and
Director General, NEDA

Attested by:



LISA GRACE S. BERSALES
National Statistician and Civil Registrar General
Chairperson, PSA Board Secretariat

MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. ____

DECLARING OCTOBER 20, 2015 AS “WORLD STATISTICS DAY”

WHEREAS, the Philippines has been observing the National Statistics Month (NSM) since 1990, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, Series of 1990, “*Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as the National Statistics Month*,” to promote, enhance and instill nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics, and ensure the support of the public in improving and enhancing the quality and standard of statistics in the country;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) reports that, along with the Philippines, 101 other countries and areas have been celebrating a statistics day, week or month to raise the profile of official statistics;

WHEREAS, the UN recognizes that statistics are critical in evidence-based decision-making across all cultural and historical backgrounds of countries, irrespective of level of development;

WHEREAS, the UN General Assembly issued Resolution 64/267 designating 20 October 2010 as the date of the first “World Statistics Day” in recognition of the fundamental importance of: (a) sustainable national statistical capacity to produce reliable and timely statistics and indicators; and (b) solid data for informed policy formulation and monitoring the Millennium Development Goals at the national, regional and international levels;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) observed the first World Statistics Day pursuant to NSCB Board Resolution No. 6, Series of 2010 “*Enjoining Support to and Participation in the Nationwide Observance of World Statistics Day*” issued by the former National Statistical Coordination Board on 12 May 2010, and Proclamation No. 43, “*Declaring October 20, 2010 as World Statistics Day*” signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III on 01 October 2010;

WHEREAS, the UN recorded successful celebrations of the WSD in at least 130 countries and regions worldwide on 20 October 2010;

WHEREAS, the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC), at its forty-third session held in March 2012, confirmed the recommendation that “World Statistics Day” be celebrated every five years, with the next celebration occurring in 2015;

WHEREAS, the UNSC, at its 46th Session held in March 2015, invites Member States, UN organizations and other international and civil society organizations to observe

the "World Statistics Day" on 20 October 2015 with an overarching theme, "*Better data. Better lives.*"

WHEREAS, on 03 June 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the resolution endorsed by the UNSC along with some member states including the Philippines, designating 20 October 2015 as second World Statistics Day, under the general theme, "*Better data. Better lives,*" and that that the WSD be celebrated every five years on 20 October;

WHEREAS, both the NSM and the "World Statistics Day" will be celebrated in October 2015 in recognition of the crucial role of statistics in the inclusive growth agenda and in view of the conclusion of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and formulation of the post-2015 development agenda, as well as new and emerging concerns such as open data and data revolution;

WHEREAS, during the "World Statistics Day" celebration, the activities to be undertaken in the Philippines will highlight the role of official statistics in monitoring and supporting data needs for key socioeconomic development programs focused on inclusive growth and improved access to health facilities and social protection programs, which are critical in nation-building;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the powers and functions under Republic Act No. 10625, otherwise known as the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, the PSA Board approved Resolution No. 09 Series of 2015, "Enjoining Support to and Participation in the Nationwide Observance of World Statistics Day", and to ensure the success of the "World Statistics Day" in the Philippines, the support and cooperation of all concerned is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare October 20, 2015 as "World Statistics Day".

All departments and government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, as well as local government units, are hereby directed to collaborate and cooperate with the PSA in advocating and implementing activities pursuant to this Proclamation.

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 ___ day of _____, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

BENIGNO S. AQUINO III

By the President:

PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary