

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

**DECLARING JULY 2024 AS NATIONAL CENSUS AND
COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM MONTH**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 352, series of 1996, otherwise known as the “Designation of Statistical Activities that will Generate Critical Data for Decision-Making of the Government and the Private Sector”, issued on 01 July 1996, the generation of said data requires the conduct of nationwide censuses and surveys and the maintenance/processing of administrative-based records on a regular basis to allow for monitoring time series analysis and forecasting by policymakers;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10625, otherwise known as the “Philippine Statistical Act of 2013”, mandates the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to prepare and conduct periodic censuses on population, housing, agriculture, fisheries, business, industry, and other sectors of the economy;

WHEREAS, EO 352, series of 1996 requires the conduct of the census of population and housing every ten years, and the mid-decade census of population every ten years, with the primary objective of coming up with population figures at the national government level down to barangay level;

WHEREAS, the Census of Population (POPCEN) shall be a nationwide government undertaking that involves the collection, compilation, evaluation, analysis, publication, and dissemination of data on population count, demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the population, housing statistics, and other relevant data in each barangay, municipality, city, province, and region in the country;

WHEREAS, the POPCEN aims to provide government executives, policymakers, and planners with population and housing data on which to base their social and economic development plans, policies, and programs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to RA 11315, otherwise known as the “Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Act of 2019”, the State shall adopt a community-based monitoring system which generates updated and disaggregated data necessary in targeting beneficiaries, conducting more comprehensive poverty analysis and needs prioritization, designing appropriate policies and interventions, and monitoring impact over time;

WHEREAS, regular and synchronized data collection for the CBMS shall be conducted by every city and municipality to be led by the PSA and shall be participated by all local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, the 2024 POPCEN and CBMS shall be jointly conducted from July to September 2024, with 01 July 2024 as the reference date;

WHEREAS, the National Government's thrust to decentralize functions to the LGUs requires an up-to-date and comprehensive data of population at the local levels which can be obtained through the POPCEN and the CBMS;

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

The month of July 2024 is hereby declared as the "National Census and Community-Based Monitoring System Month".

All government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, state universities and colleges, LGUs, and the private sector are enjoined to provide the necessary support and assistance to the PSA to ensure the implementation of this proclamation.

All citizens and residents of the Philippines who are covered are enjoined to cooperate with the PSA and its census enumerators in the conduct of the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS by providing truthful and complete information in response to census questions, in accordance with the law.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this (Day) day of (Month), in the year of our Lord, (Year).

By the President:

LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Executive Secretary