

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. _____

**DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND
FISHERIES CENSUS 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 census and surveys and the maintenance/processing of administrative based records on a regular basis to allow for monitoring time series analysis and forecasting by policy-makers;

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

WHEREAS, the latest Census of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) was undertaken in 2013 with 2012 as reference year and the next census will be conducted in September 2023 with 01 January to 31 December 2022 as reference period to come up with data on agricultural and fisheries structures; to provide sampling frame for other statistical undertaking; and to provide basic data for use in national as well as local development planning;

WHEREAS, recognizing the increasing importance of the census data in meeting data needs at the lowest geographic level, the assistance provided by government agencies, government-owned and controlled corporations, and local government units (LGUs) to the PSA, as in previous censuses, will be instrumental to the success of the 2022 CAF.

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:

SECTION 1. The month of September is hereby declared as the "National Census for Agriculture and Fisheries Month", with 01 January to 31 December 2022 as the census reference date.

SECTION 2. All government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, government financial institutions, state colleges and universities, LGUs and the private sector are enjoined to provide the necessary support and assistance to the PSA to ensure the implementation of this proclamation.

SECTION 3. Covered persons and entities including but not limited to individual citizens and residents, government and private entities duly established and authorized to conduct business in the Philippines such as stock or non-stock corporations, partnerships, cooperatives and among others, are enjoined to cooperate with the PSA and its census enumerators in the conduct of the census, by providing truthful and complete information in response to census questions, in accordance to law.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this ___ day of _____, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Three.

FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.
President of the Philippines

By the President:

LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Executive Secretary