



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

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**PSA Board Resolution No. 07  
Series of 2020**

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

**WHEREAS**, following the strong worldwide support and various recommendations of national statistical offices on the first WSD celebration, the UNSC, at its 43<sup>rd</sup> session held in March 2012, confirmed the recommendation that WSD be celebrated every five (5) years;

**WHEREAS**, the first (1<sup>st</sup>) WSD was observed by the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) on 20 October 2010 pursuant to NSCB<sup>1</sup> Resolution No. 06 dated 01 October 2010 and the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) WSD, with a general theme, "*Better data, Better lives*", was celebrated on 20 October 2015 pursuant to PSA Board Resolution No. 09, s. 2015 dated 16 June 2015, and Presidential Proclamation No. 1135 dated 05 October 2015;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed date of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) WSD celebration in the Philippines will be on 20 October 2020, following the 31<sup>st</sup> NSM, and slogan, "*Connecting the world with data we can trust*";

**WHEREAS**, the WSD will serve as an advocacy event 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**, activities at the national level will highlight importance of trust, authoritative data, innovation, and the public good in national statistical systems;

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<sup>1</sup> National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) was merged with the other major statistical agencies into the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) by virtue of Republic Act No. 10625, "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013"

**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 WSD on 20 October 2020; and (2) endorses to the Office of the President the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation "Declaring 20 October 2020 as World Statistics Day";

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER** that the:

- 1) PSA lead the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) WSD celebration in the Philippines, and serve as overall WSD coordinator in the PSS to:
  - a) facilitate sharing of information regarding the activities being planned to celebrate the third WSD in the Philippines, particularly thru the PSA and the UNSD/WSD websites; and
  - b) organize and/or coordinate various programs/activities to be undertaken during the third WSD celebration.
- 2) PSS agencies:
  - a) submit list of activities for the celebration of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) WSD to the PSA for approval of the NSM/WSD Steering Committee; and
  - b) support and cooperate in the various programs/activities to be coordinated by the PSA in line with the WSD celebration.

Approved this 11th day of August 2020, in Pasig City.



**DENNIS S. MAPA, Ph.D.**

Undersecretary

National Statistician and Civil Registrar General

Philippine Statistics Authority

Designated Chairperson, 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the PSA Board



**MALACAÑANG**  
**Manila**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. \_\_\_\_**

**DECLARING 20 OCTOBER 2020 AS WORLD STATISTICS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly issued Resolution 64/267 declaring 20 October 2010 as the first World Statistics Day (WSD) 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 UN General Assembly adopted the resolution endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) along with some member states and the Philippines on 03 June 2015, which designates 20 October 2015 as the second WSD with the theme "Better data, Better lives" and that the WSD be celebrated every five (5) years every 20<sup>th</sup> of October;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has been observing the National Statistics Month (NSM) every October since 1990, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, s. 1990, 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 Philippine Statistical System (PSS) observed the first (1<sup>st</sup>) WSD pursuant to NSCB<sup>1</sup> Resolution No. 06, "Enjoining Support to and Participation in the Nationwide Observance of World Statistics Day," and Presidential Proclamation No. 43, "Declaring October 20, 2010 as World Statistics Day" and the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) WSD on 20 October 2015 pursuant to PSA Board Resolution No. 09, s. 2015 "Enjoining Support to and Participation in the National Observance of World Statistics Day," and Proclamation No. 1135, "Declaring October 20, 2015 as World Statistics Day";

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of the power and functions provided under Republic Act No. 10625, otherwise known as the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, the WSD will be celebrated in 20 October 2020 in the Philippines through various activities in consonance with the third WSD slogan "Connecting the world with data we can trust" and in line with the celebration of the 31<sup>st</sup> NSM;

**WHEREAS**, approved PSA Board Resolution No. 07, s. 2020, "Enjoining Support to and Participation in the Nationwide Observance of World Statistics Day" was approved to enjoin the support and participation of the members of the PSS to the nationwide observance of the World Statistics Day in the Philippines and to sustain

<sup>1</sup> National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) with the other former major statistical agencies merged into the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) per Republic Act No. 10625, "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013."

the efforts made during the first and second World Statistics Day in 2010 and 2015, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, during this celebration, activities at the national level will highlight importance of trust, authoritative data, innovation, and the public good in national statistical systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare 20 October 2020 as World Statistics Day in the Philippines, with a slogan "Connecting the World with Data We Can Trust" and in line with the celebration of the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) National Statistics Month.

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 Twenty.

**RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**