

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
UL Complex, Pasig, Metro Manila

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No. 57, s. 1994

DECLARING GOVERNMENT HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY
AS SMOKE-FREE ZONES

To: Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Cultural Agency Directors
Bureau Directors, Regional Directors,
and Schools Superintendents
Heads of State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. In response to Presidential Proclamation No. 400 dated May 30, 1994, entitled "Declaring Health Facilities in the Country as Smoke-Free Zones", copy inclosed, all medical, dental, and other health facilities in public and private schools, colleges and universities as well as in all DECS Offices and attached agencies shall be declared Smoke-Free Zones.

2. Heads of schools and offices concerned are instructed to post "This is a Smoke-Free Zone" signs in their health facilities as well as in DECS premises.

3. In view of the adverse effects of cigarette smoking on health and the exemplary role of school personnel in the development of values among the school children and youth, and in accordance with previous memoranda issuance on Anti-Smoking Drive, the following strategies shall be implemented:

- Teachers shall integrate concepts on the dangers of cigarette smoking in appropriate subject areas in the elementary and secondary curricula;
- School health personnel shall initiate the dissemination of information on the relationship of cigarette smoking and health;
- Elementary and secondary school administrators shall prohibit smoking in classroom, toilets, conference rooms and in any other places as deemed necessary. Sale of cigarette inside school and office premises shall likewise be discouraged; and

- Tertiary school administrators are encouraged to spearhead the information drive on the adverse effects of smoking.

4. For strict compliance.

(SGD.) ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO
Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Incl.:
As stated

References:
DECS Bulletin: No. 4, s. 1987
DECS Order: No. 2, s. 1991
Unnumbered Memorandum dated September 9, 1991

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(Enclosure to EUSA Order No. 37, s. 1994)

MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 400

DECLARING GOVERNMENT HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY AS
SMOKE FREE ZONES:

WHEREAS, in 1986 the World Health Organization (WHO), in its 39th World Health Assembly (WHA) adopted the tobacco or Health resolution (WHA 39.14) and called upon all member states to observe May 31 every year as World No Tobacco Day;

WHEREAS, the Western Pacific Region of the WHO, where the Philippines is host and is a member country, is committed to the goal of creating smoke free communities;

WHEREAS, environmental Tobacco smoke or passive smoking is equally harmful to non-smokers who have the right to breathe clean air in public places;

WHEREAS, in 1993, the Secretary of Health issued Administrative Order No. 8, s. 1993, declaring the entire Department of Health (DOH) compound as smoke free zone; and subsequently Administrative Order No. 15, s. 1993, declaring all health facilities under the Department of health as smoke free zones;

WHEREAS, health facilities are considered to be windows for healthful activities in the country and that government health workers are looked upon as role models to the people they are serving;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby reaffirm the commitment of the Philippines to the goal of creating a smoke free Philippines and:

A. declare all government health facilities in the country, under the national and local agencies as smoke-free zones;

B. to encourage private health facilities, to observe free zones in their respective areas;

C. designate the Department of Health (DOH) as the lead government agency tasked to coordinate with all government and non-government agencies and other governmental organization in the strict observance of this policy;

"Declaring all government health facilities in the country as smoke free zones"

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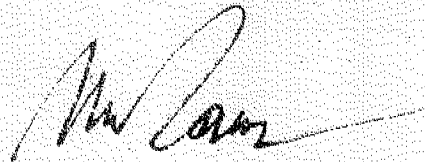
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D. enjoin all Provincial, Municipal, and City governments to enact local legislation providing for the protection of both adults and children against smoking in public places, public conveyances and the health hazards of passive smoking as well their strict enforcement and;


E. encourage the Filipino people to assert their rights to a smoke-free environment.

This proclamation shall take effect immediately.


Done in the City of Manila this *30th* day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.



By the President:


TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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ALBORA T. AQUINO
DIRECTOR

