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PROCLAMATION NO. 651

DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF PUBLIC CALAMITY IN ZAMBOANGA CITY

WHEREAS, the Secretary of National Defense and Chairman, National Disaster Coordinating Council, recommended the declaration of a state of public calamity in Zamboanga City which sustained heavy losses on public and private properties and agricultural crops due to the floods that occurred in said City on September 29 and 30, 1990;

WHEREAS, the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council reported that 4,500 persons have been displaced, more than 50 houses were washed away and three major bridges collapsed causing the death of a tricycle driver and his son;

WHEREAS, transportation services were paralyzed as streets were under water, about knee deep, and most of the commercial establishments were closed during the flooding;

WHEREAS, per initial assessment, the cost of the damages on public and private properties and agricultural crops were estimated at P10 M and P12 M, respectively;

WHEREAS, the declaration of a state of public calamity in Zamboanga City will not only facilitate delivery of vital services but will also ensure the immediate rehabilitation and normalization of the situation in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare that a state of public calamity exists in Zamboanga City.

All departments and other government agencies concerned are hereby directed to implement and execute relief and rehabilitation work in accordance with existing operational plans and directives and orders issued in connection with calamities.

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 8th day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

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By the President:

MACARĂĨG, JR. Executive Secretary