

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 122

AUTHORIZING THE TEACHING IN PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS OF THE SONG,
"MAGTANIM AY DI BIRO" WITH THE NEW LYRICS

WHEREAS, the song, "Magtanim ay di Biro", has long been part of the country's pastoral tradition, a tune familiar to Filipinos of all ages;

WHEREAS, this song has permeated the national psyche with its message of constant toil in the face of adversity, of poverty and nearly unbreakable cycle of rural impoverishment and other negative connotations that must be overcome by dint of hard labor in the farm;

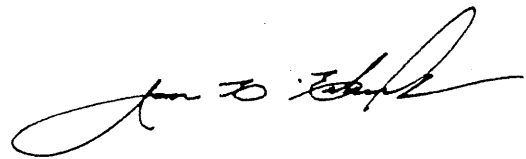
WHEREAS, the lyrics of this song should be transformed to deemphasize these negative traits and discouraging conditions of Philippine rural life and make such lyrics harmonize with the new work ethic and positive character of the Filipino people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall include in its program the teaching in all primary and secondary schools of the song "Magtanim ay di Biro" using the new lyrics and allowed the same to be sung, in lieu of the old one, in convocations and other literary-musical activities of the school;

SEC. 2. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

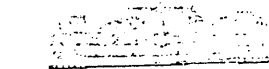
DONE in the City of Manila, this 10th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand.



By the President:



RONALDO B. ZAMORA
Executive Secretary



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KUNG TAYO'Y MAGTATANIM

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DADAMI ANG PAGKAIN
GIGINHAWA ANG BUHAY
YAYAMAN PA ITONG BAYAN

- O -

MAGTANIM, MAGTANIM
MAYRON KANG AANIHIN
MAGTANIM, MAGTANIM
MAYRON KANG ISASAING

- O -

SA KUBO KA MATULOG
KATAWAN MO'Y LULUSOG
SA BUKID MANIRAHAN
KAY LINIS NG AMIHAN

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ANG SABI NG DIOS NATIN
AY DAPAT NATIN SUNDIN
ANG LAHAT NG KAKANIN
SA PAWIS MANGGAGALING

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MAGTANIM, MAGTANIM
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HALINA MAGSIKAP
UPANG UMUNLAD
SA BAYAN MAGLINGKOD
KA NG TAPAT

- O -

KAPAG NAGSIKAP
TAYO'Y UUNLAD
PARA SA ARAW NG BUKAS

ERAP