



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 642

DECLARING CARMENCITA DAVID PADILLA, MD, MAHPS, AS NATIONAL SCIENTIST

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines states that it is a declared policy of the State to give priority to science and technology;

WHEREAS, Section 10, Article XIV of the Constitution also provides that science and technology are essential for national development and that the State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization;

WHEREAS, the rank and title of National Scientist was created under Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1003-A, dated 16 December 1976;

WHEREAS, pre-eminent achievements by Filipinos in science and technology that have contributed to the progress of the country and humanity deserve the recognition and acknowledgment of our Government in pursuit of its policy of furthering national development through enhanced scientific and technological research and development; and

WHEREAS, the research of Carmencita David Padilla, MD, MAHPS, in the field of genetics greatly contributed to, among others, the enactment of Republic Act (RA) No. 9288 or the "Newborn Screening Act of 2004" and RA No. 10747 or the "Rare Diseases Act of the Philippines," which aim to prevent mental retardation and death from certain congenital disorders detectable at birth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Science and Technology and the National Academy of Science and Technology, pursuant to PD No. 1003-A, in relation to Section 33, Chapter 6, Title XVIII, Book IV of Executive Order (EO) No. 292 (s. 1987) or the "Administrative Code of 1987" and EO No. 236 (s. 2003) or the "Honors Code of the Philippines," do hereby declare **Carmencita David Padilla, MD, MAHPS**, as National Scientist and accord her the rank and title of National Scientist, with the privileges and emoluments attached thereto.

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 2nd day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

By the President:


LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Executive Secretary





THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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