



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 723**

**DECLARING THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS  
“TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE DAY”**

**WHEREAS**, Section 9, Article II of the Constitution provides that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum Order No. 395 (s. 1973) established a committee to study the ways and means to encourage public utility vehicle drivers to organize themselves into cooperatives, thereby creating the Transport Cooperative Program (TCP);

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 279 (s.1993) declared the period from 18 to 24 October 1993 as the “Transport Cooperative Week” to: (i) recognize the TCP and mark its 20<sup>th</sup> Foundation Anniversary; and (ii) recognize agencies, institutions, and individuals who, by their dedication and exemplary services, continue to make the program strong, vibrant, purposeful, and responsive to the needs of the Filipino people;

**WHEREAS**, through the years, transport cooperatives have played a significant role in promoting government-cooperative sector collaboration, empowering communities, and advancing public transportation, as highlighted in the success of the Public Transport Modernization Program;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to recognize the significant contributions of transport cooperatives in ensuring the advancement of the TCP and in providing meaningful and responsive service to the transport sector, as well as to agencies, institutions, and individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all the executive departments, bureaus and offices and the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

**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, do hereby declare the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October of every year as “**Transport Cooperative Day.**”

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For this purpose, the Department of Transportation (DOTr), together with the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board and the Office of Transportation Cooperatives, shall lead the yearly observance of the Transport Cooperative Day.

All other agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, and state universities and colleges, are hereby enjoined, and all local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector, are hereby encouraged to actively participate and render the necessary support and assistance to DOTr for the effective implementation of 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 28th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



By the President:



LUCAS P. BERSAMIN  
Executive Secretary

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