



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 699**

**DECLARING THE FOURTH WEEK OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR  
AS "MOVING FORWARD PADDLING WEEK PHILIPPINES"**

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article II of the Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

**WHEREAS**, Section 19, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;

**WHEREAS**, "*paddling forward*" symbolizes unity and strength in navigating challenges towards achieving progress as a Filipino nation, and embodies personal growth and development through constantly striving to push limits, overcome setbacks, and demonstrate resilience and dedication in the pursuit of excellence;

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of the Moving Forward Paddling Week Philippines aims to promote the Philippines as a premier paddling destination and encourage all communities to adopt paddling as a sport and a leisure activity;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is set to host the 2024 International Canoe Federation Dragon Boat World Championship on 28 October to 4 November 2024 in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, as part of the celebration of the 2024 Moving Forward Paddling Week Philippines; 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;

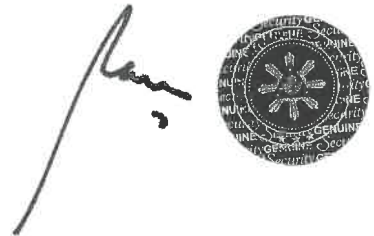
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare the fourth week of October of every year as "**Moving Forward Paddling Week Philippines.**"

For this purpose, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) is hereby directed to lead, coordinate, and supervise the observance of the Moving Forward Paddling Week Philippines, and identify the programs, activities and projects for the celebration thereof.

All other agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations and state universities and colleges, are hereby directed, and all local government units, non-government organizations, professional associations, and the private sector, are hereby encouraged to actively participate and render the necessary support and assistance to the PSC 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 2nd day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



By the President:



**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**  
Executive Secretary

