



**SPIRIT OF
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Subject : **PROPOSED CREATION OF AN EDSA COMMISSION**

Pleased to submit herewith as requested my initial thoughts and views concerning the above-subject, for your kind perusal. Due to time constraints, we were unable to go into details, but, trust this would be sufficient for your purpose.

BACKGROUND

The EDSA 1986 (People-Power) revolution which brought about the successful socio-political and economic changes in our country, laid down the foundation for all Filipinos to hope for effecting the necessary continuing changes and improvements in our country, that would eventually redound to the betterment of the lives of our people. What is commonly known as the "Spirit of EDSA", can be summed up as the best portrayal of the Filipinos character in contemporary history, which had mesmerized the world and inspired other nations to follow our example. Thus, the Filipino had indeed, initiated the global people-power - effected transformations of our times. The "Spirit of EDSA" was anchored on faith, borne of selflessness, and motivated by love for country. We must unite and continue to preserve its memory and keep the fire burning in our hearts, if only to underscore our common desire to revive and possibly develop where we have left off, in order to move our nation forward. If properly motivated, the EDSA Spirit can be the strength that will help propel the country's development efforts to become a newly industrialized country by the turn of the century. As said the EDSA way, "If our endeavor has to be successful, it has to be together". All sectors must be mobilized for the development efforts of our country, and symbolically, the yearly EDSA Anniversary, must be a celebration displaying a show of strength to inspire anew the spirit that was once at EDSA. As one force, we can rekindle the EDSA Spirit by arousing the consciousness of the citizenry in its value, with the aim of eventually mobilizing the citizenry to undertake productive endeavors of the government and the private sector towards peace, unity, prosperity, and moral development. In creating an EDSA Commission, we reinforce each others faith in the capacity of the Filipino to achieve their destiny, surmount our difficulties, and meet the challenges with confidence. We shall in essence attempt to fortify the Filipino spirit by highlighting the qualities inherent in EDSA 1986.

GUIDING MAXIM'S :

1. "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you" - Matthew 6:33
2. "All that is necessary for the forces of Evil to Win in this World, is for Enough Good Men to do Nothing" - Burke

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3. "Ask not what your country can do for you, but, rather, what you can do for your country" - J.F.K.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe that the Philippines is a truly gifted country, and enriched with a people endowed with a genuine faith in God and blessed with an abundant wealth of human and natural resources.
2. We believe in the goodness of the Filipino and its indomitable spirit to rise above every crisis, either man-made or natural.
3. We believe in the Philippines' future role in shaping major global events and in eventual transformation of our country into a new economic and religious power base.
4. We believe that the State exist for the citizens and not the citizen for the State, and the primary reason for the state to exist is to equitably provide the options for the fullness of the citizens development.
5. We believe in a genuinely participatory Democracy which ensures and guarantees all citizens a fair opportunity in the use and access to the Nation's resources, to achieve a just distribution of wealth.
6. We believe that only through the united, militant but non-violent actions of an organized and committed citizenry or People-Power, can the people progressively achieve their just and legitimate hopes and aspirations.
7. We believe that what we sow, we shall reap, and that the seeds that have been planted in EDSA 1986 have to be nurtured and sustained in order for the Filipino's dreams to come to full fruition.
8. We believe that our nation had been led to the Promise Land of Democracy out of the tyranny of the Dictatorship, but, have severely undergone a cleansing process, by way of natural and man-made calamities, primarily because we have, as His chosen people, failed to reform our ways.
9. We believe that Our Lord Almighty had shown us the way, and all that is necessary now is to keep the Spirit of EDSA flame lighted in our hearts, and aim to proceed in accordance to His Divine Will.
10. We wholeheartedly believe, that God is our ally and we, as God's people will continue to succeed in our march for good governance beyond His calling at EDSA, should we as a people become one again, as in EDSA 1986.

AIMS/OBJECTIVES

1. To perpetuate and enhance the 1986 "Spirit of EDSA" and establish vehicles by which the People-Power Revolution of 1986 can be enshrined, such as a landmark and a yearly Spirit of EDSA Awards through the Spirit of EDSA Foundation.
2. To serve as the lead organization to handle future EDSA Anniversaries in cooperation with designated NGO's, in the spirit of people-empowerment.

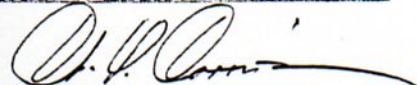
3. To offer its services to the President as an NGO consultative group on the perpetuation in Philippine society of the values manifested during the 1986 EDSA People-Power Revolution namely:

- 3.1 Faith in God and Love for country,
- 3.2 Selflessness,
- 3.3 Unity,
- 3.4 Belief in a Peaceful process of change,
- 3.5 Self-Discipline

With my warmest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

SPIRIT OF EDSA FOUNDATION, INC.



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