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MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 390**  
**PRESCRIBING THE ORDER OF PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION AND**  
**ABOLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Under authority conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, and more particularly pursuant to the powers vested in me by Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred seventy-one, I, MANUEL L. QUEZON, President of the Philippines, do hereby ordain that the order of precedence and/or succession to the Presidency of the Philippines in case of failure to qualify, removal, termination of the right thereto, death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office by both the President or President-elect and the Vice President or Vice President-elect, as the case may be, shall, for the purposes of sections 6 and 8 of Art. VII of the Constitution, as amended, be as follows:

Secretary to the President  
Secretary of Finance  
Secretary of National Defense  
Secretary of Justice  
Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce  
Secretary of Public Works and Communications  
Secretary of Public Instruction  
Secretary of Labor  
Secretary of Health and Public Welfare

The Department of the Interior is hereby abolished and all its bureaus and offices and their powers, functions, duties, records, documents, furniture, office equipment, and property shall be distributed as provided in Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred sixty, effective January 1, 1942.

Commonwealth Act Numbered Sixty-eight is hereby declared inoperative.

Done at the City of Manila, this 22nd day of December, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the seventh.

(SGD.) MANUEL L. QUEZON

By the President:  
(SGD.) JORGE B. VARGAS  
Secretary to the President

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