MALACAÑANG MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1178

AUTHORIZING THE UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES-NORTHERN LUZON VETERANS AND HEIRS FOUNDATION,INC. TO CONDUCT A FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1998

WHEREAS, among the Filipino Guerilla organizations during the World War II, the United States Army Forces in the Philippines-Northern Luzon (USAFIP-NL) is credited for various military operations in the eight provinces of Northern Luzon and was recognized for the surrender of General Tomoyuki Yamashita, Commander of the 14th Japanese Imperial Army in the Philippines, on September 2, 1945;

WHEREAS, the valor, gallantry and heroism of the men and women from the eight provinces of Northern Luzon who fought and died in the last war have to be honored in a fitting monument for the younger generation of Filipinos to remember and emulate;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 590, Series of 1995, declared a parcel of land of the public domain in Luna, La Union, as a site for the National USAFIP-NL Military Shrine and Park; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to raise funds for the construction and maintenance of the National Military Shrine.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby authorize the USAFIP-NL Veterans and Heirs Foundation, Inc., to raise funds for the construction and maintenance of the USAFIP-NL National Military Shrine until 31 December 1998.

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 9th day of March in the Year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

By the President:

P. AGUIRRE

ve Secretary

IN REPLYING, PLEASE CITE:

L980644

.A. 4