



Office of the President of the Philippines  
**PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR**  
Malacañang, Manila

**COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 17**  
**Series of 2018**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING CHAIRMAN MARIANITO S. CANONIGO**  
**AS THE FIRST CHAMPION OF THE URBAN POOR**

**WHEREAS**, Marianito S. Canonigo was the first chairman of the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) who served with distinction from Dec. 8, 1986 – January 31, 1989;

**WHEREAS**, “Ka Mar” as he was fondly called, was part of the broad people’s movement which stood up against corruption and oppression. He was a stellar figure among the groups who fought for the rights and welfare of the urban poor before, during and after the EDSA Revolution;

**WHEREAS**, “Ka Mar” became the official steward of the urban poor when President Cory Aquino during her Revolutionary Government period first established the PAUPA and finally the **Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor** by virtue of Executive Order No. 82 on December 8, 1986. And the rest was history;

**WHEREAS**, “Ka Mar” as the first PCUP chairman led the Commission in achieving the milestones which laid the foundation of the rights and privileges that are still being enjoyed by urban poor communities today. The various Resolutions and guidelines, the implementation of programs that benefit directly the urban poor, the transfer of hundreds of hectares of land to beneficiaries, the establishment of consultative mechanisms to serve as venues for continuing dialogue between the government and the urban poor, the workshops on community participation to promote greater understanding and closer collaboration between the urban poor and concerned service agencies, and a whole lot more;

**WHEREAS**, “Ka Mar”, the beloved former Chairperson of the Commission has already joined our Creator on September 18, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, “Ka Mar” was truly a giant of a man who laid the foundations of the Commission and as such, the PCUP family is forever in debt for his selfless, honest and unwavering commitment for the urban poor.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the late Marianito S. Canonigo or “Ka Mar” is hereby declared as the “First Champion of the Urban Poor.”

**DELIBERATED AND APPROVED BY THE EN BANC** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018 at PCUP Central Office, Quezon City, Philippines.

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Commissioner



**RANDY H. HALASAN**  
Commissioner



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