

**GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION No. 7/2009
of May 27**

**APPROVES THE CIVIL SERVICE
CLEANUP CAMPAIGN**

The IV Constitutional Government proposes in its Government Program the beginning of a new political cycle in East Timor, wherein the exercise of government policy and practice takes on an ethical dimension, supported by an organized and systematized set of principles and values that guide political behavior in the direction of promoting, among other things, civic and human values, values of tolerance and respect, and the participation of all individuals in responding efficiently to the needs of the population.

In its Article 41, the Civil Service Statute establishes as special duties of civil servants and agents of the Public Administration, among others, the duties of placing the Nation's interests above personal and group interests, emphasizing the dignity of the Public Administration, serving as an example to the community and respecting citizens without discrimination, offering a positive example, and serving as a role model to subordinates.

Whereas an ecologically balanced environment ensures the quality of essential natural resources, allowing for the survival and continuity of animal and plant species, being for that reason being considered a part of World Heritage, which the global community claims and which civic rights undertake to defend, it is Man's duty to preserve this heritage in order to be able to enjoy the rights to life, health, and well-being.

Whereas security has been consolidated in the entire Country and the main social problems have been or are being resolved, it is important now to guarantee conservation of the quality of natural resources by the cleaning and grooming of the forests, riverside areas, beaches, settlements, and cities of East Timor, to ensure that its populace and all those who visit these locations may be able to enjoy the well-being and magnificence of its landscape;

Despite the fact that the Government, pursuant to Decree-Law No. 33/2008 of August 27, has set down measures regarding hygiene and public order, which reflect the basic rules for living together in urban regions, and makes provisions on the relationship between the Public Administration and citizens, the basic mechanisms of inspection and the system of penalties, our settlements and cities continue to fall short and to show signs of a lack of proper care, thus favoring the spread of infectious diseases and malaise.

The objective now is to promote citizenship, the values of civil and human rights, the values of tolerance and respect, and the participation of all in an efficient response to the global need to safeguard the environment, in collaboration with the proposal undertaken by the Government in its Program.

Thus, the Government resolves as follows, pursuant to the terms of Article 115, No. 1, item o), of the Constitution of the Republic:

1. To launch a Civil Service Cleanup Campaign throughout the country, with the objective of preserving a balanced environment, thus assuring the quality of

essential natural resources and the eradication of diseases, allowing the population of East Timor to enjoy the rights to life, health, and well-being;

2. To consider as actual work time the period of four (4) hours on Friday mornings, starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 11 a.m., for all civil servants and agents of the Public Administration, including those who work in public positions as directors or section heads, to perform tasks related to the cleanup of public areas, namely access roads, highways, streets, riverside areas, public gardens, areas adjacent to places used for worship, and adjacent to public facilities, including those intended for sporting events, forests and beaches, provided the interested parties have been previously enrolled and that they perform such work during the aforesaid period;
3. As established in the item above, the employees and agents must previously enroll at their workplace and present themselves at the locations designated for the actions during the indicated time period, with an employee's absence being considered an absence from work;
4. Those civil servants who volunteer to work on the cleanup of public areas shall, after performing such task, have a 1 (one)-hour break, then return to work to comply with normal hours during the afternoon;
5. To ensure the normal functioning of public services within the respective spheres of authority, especially those services that serve the public, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the previous items;
6. It is the duty of the F-FDTL to provide for the removal of the waste resulting from the cleanup activities to locations determined previously;
7. To motivate the whole of civil society and especially schools and universities, by the example of education in citizenship provided by the Public Administration, to participate in identical initiatives, with the noble purpose of ensuring that environmental balance is maintained;
8. Within the same scope as mentioned in the item above, in residential areas of settlements and cities, especially in the city of Dili, to invite inhabitants to join this initiative and, under its responsibility, to promote the cleanup of streets and the embellishment of the areas surrounding homes;
9. To invite private companies that own open-bed trucks to participate in the activities mentioned in items 5 and 6, provided it does not affect the normal performance of their activities;

10. To appoint the Minister of State Administration and Territorial Order to coordinate and implement throughout the country the measures set out in items 2 through 5 of this resolution;
11. With the aim of involving and motivating the populace, as a personal contribution to maintaining cleanliness, to charge the Minister of State Administration and Territorial Order and the Minister of the Economy and Development with promoting the upkeep and increase of proper places for dumping household wastes, as well as starting implementation of selective waste collection services, i.e., sorting of trash by type of materials (glass, paper/cardboard, plastics, metals, and organic wastes), on a door- to-door basis or by providing proper places for disposal, designated as eco-spots, for the purpose of future handling or recycling of waste materials.
12. To promote the organization of a campaign using advertising, with the aim of encouraging employees of the Public Administration and civil society to participate in this initiative.

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