



UNIVERSITY *of the* PHILIPPINES

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Declaring September 21 of every year as
UP Day of Remembrance

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law on September 21, 1972 through Proclamation No. 1081;

WHEREAS, martial law resulted in severe political and economic repression, generating widespread discontent and resistance among the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines—both as an institution and through the individual efforts of its faculty, students, and staff—stood at the forefront of the resistance to martial law;

WHEREAS, over more than a century of its existence, the University of the Philippines has served as a champion of academic freedom and a beacon for democracy and human rights;

WHEREAS, UP has contributed many of its best and brightest to the struggle against dictatorship and despotism;

WHEREAS, these UP heroes of the resistance—both the fallen and the living—deserve to be specially remembered, and their memory and legacy enshrined for younger Filipinos and UP students to emulate;

WHEREAS, there is continuing need for awareness, vigilance, and militancy in the assertion and protection of our fundamental freedoms;

WHEREFORE, I, Danilo L. Concepcion, President of the University of the Philippines, hereby proclaim September 21, 2018, and September 21 of every year hereon as Day of Remembrance throughout the University of the Philippines System, for which I authorize and encourage the holding of special lectures, meetings, and ceremonies devoted to the commemoration of UP's participation and sacrifice in the struggle against martial law and to the continuing education of our students, faculty, and staff on the importance of academic freedom, civil liberties, and human rights in our society.

DONE this 17th day of September, 2018 at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City.


DANILO L. CONCEPCION
President