

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 451

CREATING THE CATEGORY OF NATIONAL ARTIST FOR HISTORICAL LITERATURE

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution provides for State patronage of arts and letters;

**WHEREAS**, the category known as National Artist was created under Proclamation No. 1001, dated April 27, 1972;

**WHEREAS**, preeminent achievements that have enhanced the Filipino's cultural heritage deserve the recognition and acknowledgment of our Government in pursuit of its policy of preserving and developing Filipino culture and a national identity;

**WHEREAS**, excellence in the field of Historical Literature contributes to the artistic heritage of the Philippines and therefore deserves such recognition and acknowledgment of our Government;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the creation of the category of National Artist for Historical Literature.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

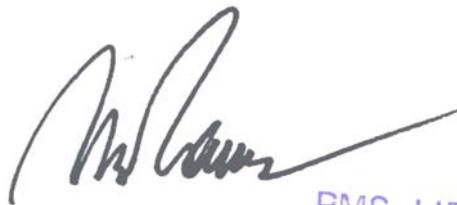
**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

By the President:



**RUBEN D. TORRES**  
Executive Secretary

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