

MALACAÑANG

Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 683

DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL ARTS MONTH

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15, of the Constitution states that: "Arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State. The State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations";

WHEREAS, the disciplines of theatre, dance, music, visual arts, architecture, literature, media arts, and film need to be preserved, enriched, and evolved in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression;

WHEREAS, the Philippines joins the rest of the world in celebrating the International Decade of Culture, and has declared the Decade 1988 to 1998 as Decade of Filipino Culture and Nationalism;

WHEREAS, the month of February is now well remembered in the hearts and minds of our people and the peoples of other nations as a time for nationalism and pride in being Filipino;

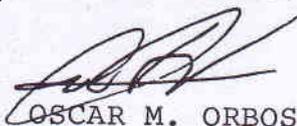
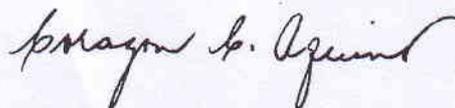
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of February of every year as National Arts Month.

All agencies of the government are hereby enjoined to undertake activities in accordance with the spirit of this proclamation. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports, in cooperation with the Presidential Commission on Culture and Arts, the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and other cultural agencies, is hereby tasked to be the lead agency in carrying out such activities.

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 28th day of January in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety one.

By the President:



OSCAR M. ORBOS
Executive Secretary

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