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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 663

DECLARING DECEMBER 1995 AS VICTORIO C. EDADES CENTENNIAL 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**, Victorio C. Edades, born on December 23, 1895, in Dagupan City Pangasinan, was proclaimed National Artist for Painting in 1976;

**WHEREAS**, the extant body of works of National Artist Victorio C. Edades constitutes a national heritage that should be preserved and promoted;

**WHEREAS**, Victorio Edades is regarded as the Father of Modern Art in the Philippines;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare December 1995 as Victorio C. Edades Centennial Month.

All agencies of the government, in coordination with the private sector, are enjoined to undertake activities in accordance with the spirit of this Proclamation.

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts, in cooperation with the Cultural Center of the Philippines and other cultural agencies, is hereby tasked to take the lead in carrying out the appropriate activities to mark the Centennial.

**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 4th day of October, 1995.  
Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.



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By the President:

  
**RUBEN D. TORRES**  
Executive Secretary



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