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## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

## PROCLAMATION NO. 25

## DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 23 TO 29, 1998 AND EVERY LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK FOR YOUNG ARTIST

WHEREAS, Filipino music is the expression of the soul of this nation;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Filipino's inmate love for music, a fitting celebration to encourage young artists to excel in music composition and performance is most opportune; and

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to preserve, develop and promote Philippine Music as an art and as a handmaid of cultural development;

WHEREAS, under Proclamation No. 1173 dated August 7, 1973, the National Music Competitions for Young Artists Foundation, Inc. has effectively undertaken the discovery and development of young talents in music by holding annual competitions and festivals in celebration of National Music Week;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from November 23 to November 29, 1998 and every last week of November of each year as "NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK FOR YOUNG ARTISTS".

I urge all citizens of this country as well as all associations and organizations to declare this week appropriately to encourage Filipinos to appreciate Filipino music and make it form part of their cultural life.

In order to insure the successful celebration of this week throughout the Philippines, a Special National Committee is hereby formed to take charge of the implementation and holding of this celebration, composed of the following:

Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports	-	Chairman
Office of the President	-	Member
Secretary of Tourism	-	Member
Secretary of Interior and Local Government	-	Member
Secretary of Transportation and Communication	-	Member
Office of the Press Secretary		Member
National Commission for Culture and the Arts	-	Member

General Manager, Government Service and Insurance System-MemberPresident, Cultural Center of the Philippines-MemberChairman, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation-MemberChairman, Commission on Higher Education-MemberSecretary General of the NAMCYA-Member

All departments, bureaus and agencies of the Government are hereby instructed to give full support and financial assistance to the said committee.

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  $30^{12}$  day of SCT, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

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By the President:

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RONALDO B. ZAMORA Executive Secretary

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