## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

## PROCLAMATION NO. 9

## DECLARING THE LATE ERNANI CUENCO AS NATIONAL ARTIST FOR 1999

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

**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**, the works and achievements of the late Ernani Cuenco, Sr. in the field of Music are reflective of this preeminent excellence and of the national genius that contributes to the artistic heritage of the Philippines and the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA,** President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1001, do hereby declare Ernani Cuenco, Sr. as National Artist for 1999.

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 day of April in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

By the President:

RAMON B. CARDENAS

Acting Executive Secretary





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