



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROCLAMATION NO. 219**

**DECLARING ANDREA VENERACION  
AS NATIONAL ARTIST FOR 1999**

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 acknowledgement of our Government in pursuit of its policy of preserving and developing Filipino culture and a national identity;

WHEREAS, the works and achievements of Andrea Veneracion 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 upon recommendation of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1001, do hereby declare Andrea Veneracion 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

By the President:

RONALDO B. ZAMORA  
Executive Secretary

