

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1116

DECLARING N. V. M. GONZALES AS NATIONAL ARTIST FOR 1997

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 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 N. V. M. Gonzales in the field of Literature 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, FIDEL V. RAMOS, 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 N.V.M. Gonzales as National Artist for 1997.

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 9th day of October in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.



By the President:



RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary

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