

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

**PROCLAMATION NO. 1826**

**DECLARING CECILIA GUIDOTE-ALVAREZ AS NATIONAL ARTIST**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides for patronage of arts and letters by the State;

**WHEREAS**, the category of National Artist was created under Proclamation No. 1001 dated April 27, 1972;

**WHEREAS**, preeminent achievements that have enhanced the cultural heritage of the Filipino people 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 Cecilia Guidote-Alvarez in the field of Theater 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, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1001, as amended by Proclamation No. 1144 dated May 15, 1973 and Presidential Decree No. 208 dated June 7, 1973, in relation to Section 20, Chapter 7, Title I, Book III of Executive Order No. 292 otherwise known as the "Administrative Code of 1987", do hereby declare Cecilia Guidote-Alvarez as National Artist, with the privileges and emoluments attached thereto.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

*Gloria M. Arroyo*



By the President:

*Eduardo R. Ermita*

**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary



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