

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 75, March 29, 1993]

**CREATING THE NATIONAL HEROES COMMITTEE UNDER THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, the State is mandated to foster patriotism and nationalism among the citizens, especially the youth, pursuant to Article II, Sections 13 and 17, of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the State, through its educational system, is also mandated to inculcate patriotism and nationalism, and the appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country pursuant to Article XIV, Section 3 (2), of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, Almighty God has gifted the sovereign Filipino people with National Heroes, the men and women of sterling character and remarkable achievements that directed, and continue to direct, the historic destiny of the country;

WHEREAS, it is timely and appropriate to proclaim these National Heroes, the renowned achievers of their generations and the shining exemplars of these times;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. A National Heroes Committee is hereby created, composed of the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports as Chairman, and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of National Defense as Members, to study and recommend the proclamation of National Heroes.

SEC. 2. All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, are hereby directed to extend the fullest support to the National Heroes Committee in the performance of its functions.

SEC. 3. The private sector is hereby urged to assist the National Heroes Committee in the performance of its functions.

SEC. 4. The National Historical Commission shall act as Secretariat of the National Heroes Committee.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of March in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-three.