

[**MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 302, August 28, 2009**]

CREATING A COMMITTEE HEADED BY THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT FOR FORMER PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO

WHEREAS, the 1986 "People Power Revolution" was a milestone in the history of the Filipino people, as it was also a catalyst in the struggles of other freedom-loving peoples in the different parts of the world;

WHEREAS, former President Corazon C. Aquino was the inspiration, rallying point and fitting symbol of our people's struggle and aspirations to win back for ourselves, by peaceful means, freedom and democracy;

WHEREAS, it is but proper to construct a monument in honor of President Aquino, in memorial of our people's gratitude for her heroic and noble leadership as well as to remind ourselves of our deepest aspirations as a people – justice, freedom and democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of a Committee to cause the construction of a national monument in honor and tribute to the late President Corazon C. Aquino.

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Committee to cause and oversee the construction of a national monument in honor of and as a tribute to the late President Corazon C. Aquino composed of:

Chairman : The National Historical Institute
Members : Presidential Management Staff
Philippine Information Agency

SECTION 2. The Committee is hereby tasked to:

1. commission the design and construction of an appropriate national monument for this purpose
2. identify the specific site within the City of Manila for the erection of the monument
3. identify a historical date for the unveiling thereof
4. plan and prepare a ceremony for the unveiling thereof.

SECTION 3. The Committee shall ensure that the national monument shall be finished within a reasonable period.