

[OP EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 880, May 18, 2010]

PLACING THE MALACANANG MUSEUM IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL COLLECTION AND PROVIDING FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize and enhance further, and carry out to the highest possible standard, the administration, management and promotion of the built heritage and the artistic, historical and cultural collection of the Office of the President, which is currently the mandate and responsibility of the Malacanang Museum, an organic office of the Office of the President.

WHEREAS, the National Museum, by virtue of Republic Act No. 8492, is tasked with the objective of taking the lead, as a cultural center, in the study and preservation of the nation's rich artistic and cultural heritage, in the reconstruction and rebuilding of our past, and the development of the national cultural wealth (Section 6.3), and has the duties and functions to collect, preserve, restore and exhibit to the public objects of arts (Section 7,10);

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines has the continuing authority to reorganize the National Government as provided by EO No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987.

NOW, THEREFORE, I , GLORIA MACAPAGAL- ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Malacanang Museum

a. The Malacanang Museum shall be placed under the supervision of the National Museum for museological and related policy purposes, but shall remain under the Office of the President for administrative and budgetary purposes;

b. The Malacanang Museum shall administer for, Museum and other purposes approved by the President of the Philippines, the following structures and their associated grounds: Kalayaan Hall, the old cafeteria building, the Boat House, the Goldenberg Mansion and Teus Mansion, the Laperal Mansion (formerly Arlegui Guest House), the Valdes Mansion, Bahay Ugnayan and the Watson Building, the second floor of which shall be made available to the National Museum for purposes of perpetuating the memory and work of Dr. Henry Otley Beyer, as well as any heritage or other structure or space designated by the President;

c. The Malacanang Museum shall continue to carry out its mandate as stated in the Reorganization Plan of the Office of the President, as well as