

NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE  
BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2, s. 1998

DECLARING MALACANANG PALACE IN SAN MIGUEL, MANILA  
A NATIONAL HISTORICAL LANDMARK.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Philippines provides that "The State shall promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources";

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 260, dated August 1, 1973, specifically vested the National Historical Institute, a cultural agency attached to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, and an institution affiliated to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, with the authority and duty to conserve and protect the historical and cultural heritage of the country;

WHEREAS, in 1825 Governor General Mariano Ricafort bought a property in *Sitio de Malacanang* along the banks of the Pasig River, for the governor's rest house and called it *Campo de Malacanang*

WHEREAS, in 1847 a Royal Decree by the King of Spain designated Malacanang as the official summer residence of the governors general, with Governor General Narciso Claveria as the first to use it as such and referring to it as *Poseñion de Malacanang*;

WHEREAS, in 1863 when the governor general's palace in Intramuros was destroyed by earthquake, Governor General Rafael de Echague moved to Malacanang and from then on, the summer residence started to function as the official residence of the highest official of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Malacanang was the official residence of the Spanish governors general from 1863 to 1898, the American governors general from 1898 to 1935, and the Philippine presidents from 1935 until 1986 when it was turned into a museum;

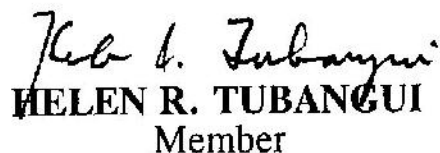
NOW THEREFORE, the National Historical Institute, by virtue of the powers vested in it by Presidential Decree No. 260, dated August 1, 1973, hereby declares **Malacanang Palace in the district of San Miguel in Manila as a National Historical Landmark.**

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