

**DECLARING THE GENERAL ANICETO LACSON ANCESTRAL
HOUSE IN TALISAY CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
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 with the power to declare sites and structures as national historical landmarks;

WHEREAS, the Lacson Ancestral House in Talisay City, Negros Occidental was built in the 1880's by General Aniceto Lacson, prominent Negrense *hacendero*, businessman and revolutionary general;

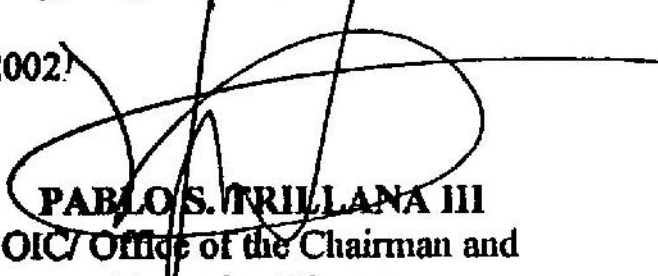
WHEREAS, General Aniceto Lacson was elected President of the *Republica de Negros* on November 7, 1898 with the Lacson Ancestral House becoming the Presidential House of the Negros Republic and the venue of important revolutionary and political meets, social events and grand balls;

WHEREAS, the house is a living testimony to General Aniceto Lacson, his ideals and greatness as revolutionary general and *Republica de Negros* President;

WHEREAS, the Lacson Ancestral House is a lovely grand *bahay na bato* of the Spanish colonial period reflecting the artistry, craftsmanship and ingenuity of its owners and builders and is to this day the only extant hacienda house of the Spanish colonial period in the province;

NOW THEREFORE, the National Historical Institute, by virtue of the powers vested in it by Presidential Decree No. 260, hereby declares the General Aniceto Lacson Ancestral House in Talisay City, Negros Occidental a National Historical Landmark.

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