

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10879, July 17, 2016 ]**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHWESTERN TAGALOG REGION  
TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA REGION**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "MIMAROPA Act".

SEC. 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote efficiency in the government to enable it to pursue programs consistent with national goals for accelerated social and economic development. Further, it will also enhance intergovernmental relations for efficient and effective delivery of services.

Pursuant to this policy, the State shall promote administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the local government units and accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the region.

SEC. 3. The Southwestern Tagalog Region is hereby established to be known as the MIMAROPA Region which shall be composed of the following provinces and cities:

(a) Provinces:

1. Mindoro Oriental;
2. Mindoro Occidental;
3. Marinduque;
4. Romblon; and
5. Palawan.

(b) Cities:

1. Calapan City; and
2. Puerto Princesa City.

SEC. 4. The same privileges under the rules and regulations covering the regions shall remain in force.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the National Economic and Development Authority, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and