

**[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 42, November 28,
2019]**

**CONCURRENCE OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE DEPUTATION OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE, AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE 07
DECEMBER 2019 PLEBISCITE TO RATIFY REPUBLIC ACT NO.
11297**

WHEREAS, the Commission on Election (COMELEC), through its Resolution No. 10616 (s. 2019), resolved to request the concurrence of the President in the deputation of law enforcement agencies and other instrumentalities of the Government, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), in connection with the 07 December 2019 Plebiscite to ratify Republic Act No. 11297, or "An Act Renaming the Province of Compostela Valley as the Province of Davao De Oro"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2 (4), Article IX-C of the Constitution, the COMELEC is empowered to deputize, with the concurrence of the President, law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including the AFP, for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, hereby concur with COMELEC Resolution No. 10616, deputizing the AFP, the PNP, and other law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, in connection with the 07 December 2019 Plebiscite in the Province of Compostela Valley.

The foregoing law enforcement agencies and other concerned agencies are hereby directed to coordinate and cooperate with the COMELEC in the performance of their duties and functions.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 28 th Day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

(SGD.) **RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**

By the President: