

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 86, January 07, 2016]

CONCURRENCE OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE DEPUTATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), IN CONNECTION WITH THE 09 MAY 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the COMELEC, through its Resolution No. 10024 (s. 2015), resolved to request the concurrence of the President in the deputation of law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including the AFP, in connection with the 09 May 2016 national and local elections; 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, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, hereby concur with COMELEC Resolution No. 10024, deputizing law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including the AFP, to assist COMELEC in ensuring the free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible conduct of the 09 May 2016 national and local elections.

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 7th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

(Sgd.) **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA JR.**
Executive Secretary
