

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 56, July 23, 2013]

**CONCURRENCE OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE DEPUTATION OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE, AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,
FOR THE 28 OCTOBER 2013 SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND
SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), through its Resolution No. 9731 (s. 2013), resolved to request the concurrence of the President in the deputation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and other law enforcement agencies, in connection with the 28 October 2013 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan 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 Armed Forces of the Philippines, 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. 9731, deputizing AFP, PNP and other law enforcement agencies, to assist COMELEC in ensuring the free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible conduct of the 28 October 2013 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan 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 23rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

(Sgd.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III
President of the Philippines

By the President:

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

