

**[ MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 44, July 04, 2012 ]**

**REQUEST FOR THE CONCURRENCE OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE  
DEPUTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND  
OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, FOR THE 21 JULY 2012  
PLEBISCITE TO RATIFY THE CONVERSION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MABALACAT, IN THE PROVINCE OF  
PAMPANGA, INTO A COMPONENT CITY**

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), through its Resolution No, 9451 (s. 2012), resolved to request the concurrence of the President in the deputation of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other law enforcement agencies, in connection with the 21 July 2012 Plebiscite to ratify the conversion of the Municipality of Mabalacat, in the Province of Pampanga, into a component city; 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. 9451, deputizing PNP and other law enforcement agencies, to assist COMELEC in ensuring the free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible conduct of the 21 July 2012 Plebiscite to ratify the conversion of the Municipality of Mabalacat, in the Province of Pampanga, into a component city.

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 4th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

(SGD.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

(SGD.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.  
*Executive Secretary*

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