

Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

IN THE MATTER OF DEPUTIZING
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE
NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION,
THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
POLICE, AND OTHER LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO
ENSURE HONEST, ORDERLY,
PEACEFUL AND CREDIBLE
CONDUCT OF THE MAY 09, 2016
NATIONAL AND LOCAL
ELECTIONS.

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GUANZON, M. R. A. V.,	<i>Commissioner</i>
ABAS, S. M.,	<i>Commissioner</i>

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PROMULGATED: December 3, 2015

RESOLUTION No. 10020

WHEREAS, Article IX-C, Section 2(4) of the 1987 Constitution empowers the Commission on Elections (Commission) to deputize, with the concurrence of the President, law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act No. 9369, and other related election laws, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to deputize the following law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the government:

A. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION (NAPOLCOM), AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP).

The DILG, NAPOLCOM, and PNP are hereby deputized in connection with the May 09, 2016 national and local elections to:

1. Effect no changes in the assignments of PNP personnel, during the election period from January 10, 2016 to June 08, 2016, without the prior written permission of the Commission;

2. Provide security to polling places, polling centers/voting centers, canvassing/consolidation centers, and such other places or buildings, including election paraphernalia, equipment, forms and supplies, that will be used in connection with the elections;
3. Provide security to the personnel of the Commission, its deputies and other persons performing election-related functions;
4. Deploy, at the least time possible, troops for election duty in coordination with the concerned Regional Election Director, Provincial Election Supervisor, and Election Officer;
5. Make available, at the least time possible, land, air and water-craft assets, communication systems and other equipment, in connection with the conduct of the elections;
6. Look into the existence of any armed group organized to commit, or which is committing or attempting to commit, acts of terrorism, or threats to intimidate or coerce any person to vote for or against a candidate, and to suppress or prevent said acts of terrorism or threats;
7. Assist the Commission in implementing more effectively election laws and/or rules and regulations, particularly the laws governing prohibition against military, policemen and provincial guards acting as bodyguards or security guards for the candidates, the use of armored vehicles and air or water-craft, and the prohibition on bearing, carrying or transporting firearms and other deadly weapons in public places;
8. Provide security escorts to candidates, subject to the conditions and restrictions on the Resolution imposing the ban on the carrying of firearms and other deadly weapons and the ban on the use of security personnel or bodyguards;
9. Conduct a periodic assessment of the peace and order conditions in critical areas and recommend measures which may be adopted by the Commission in the interest of free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections;
10. Comply with and/or implement directives or resolutions which the Commission may issue or promulgate from time to time; and
11. Render periodic reports on actions taken in accordance with this Resolution.

B. THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) is hereby deputized in connection with the May 09, 2016 national and local elections, and, upon prior order from the Commission:

1. Deploy its agents to designated areas in order to effectively carry out the objective of this Resolution, furnishing the Commission with a list of said agents;



2. Direct its agent to arrest any person who violates the provisions of the Omnibus Election Code and other pertinent election laws and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission;
3. Report from time to time to the Commission actions it has taken pursuant to this Resolution; and
4. Comply with the orders and directives of the Commission, which shall be given priority over orders and directives from other sources, except the Supreme Court and those issued in *habeas corpus* proceedings.

C. THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AND THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS

The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and the Bureau of Corrections are hereby deputized by the Commission to:

1. Enforce the following provision of the Omnibus Election Code:

“SEC. 261 (n). *Illegal release of prisoners before and after election.*

– The Director of the Bureau of Prisons, any provincial warden, the keeper of the jail or the person or persons required by law to keep prisoner in their custody who illegally orders or allows any prisoner detained in the national penitentiary, or the provincial, city or municipal jail to leave the premises thereof sixty days before and thirty days after the election. The municipal or city warden, the provincial warden, the keeper of the jail or the person or persons required by law to keep prisoners in their custody shall post in three conspicuous public places a list of the prisoners or detention prisoners under their care. Detention prisoners must be categorized as such.”; and

2. Comply with all orders, directives and resolutions which the Commission may promulgate.

PRECEDENCE OF COMELEC ORDERS

Orders issued by the Commission in connection with the May 09, 2016 national and local elections shall take precedence over and above the orders and directives issued by any other office or agency of the Government.

However, nothing contained herein shall be construed as in any manner affecting or constituting an impairment of the Constitutional powers of the President of the Philippines to conduct and direct the general peace-keeping functions of the Philippines National Police.

EFFECTIVITY, PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION

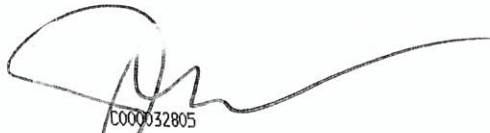
This Resolution shall take effect on the seventh (7th) day after its publication in at least two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in at least two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, and disseminate this Resolution for the information of the public.

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The Executive Director shall furnish copies of this Resolution to all of the above-named departments, agencies or offices, and to all of the Regional Election Directors, all Provincial Election Supervisors and all Election Officers.

SO ORDERED.



J. ANDRES D. BAUTISTA
Chairman



CHRISTIAN ROBERT S. LIM
Commissioner



AL A. PARREÑO
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LUE TITO F. GUIA
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