

Republic of the Philippines  
**COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS**  
*Manila*

**IN THE MATTER OF DEPUTIZING  
THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
PHILIPPINES (AFP) FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF ENSURING FREE,  
ORDERLY, HONEST, PEACEFUL  
AND CREDIBLE CONDUCT OF THE  
MAY 09, 2016 NATIONAL AND  
LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

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**PROMULGATED:** December 3, 2015

**RESOLUTION No. 10021**

**WHEREAS**, Article IX-C, Section 2(4) of the 1987 Constitution empowers the Commission on Elections (Commission) to deputize the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), with the concurrence of the President, for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections;

**WHEREAS**, Article XVI, Section 5(3) of the 1987 Constitution provides that the members of the AFP shall be insulated from partisan politics and prohibits all members thereof from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any partisan political activity, except to vote;

**WHEREAS**, in line with the above constitutional provisions, the AFP should be deputized such that the AFP can perform its duties and functions as deputy of the Commission and at the same time be insulated from partisan political activity;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to clearly define the role of the AFP during the conduct of the May 09, 2016 National and Local Elections;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commission, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, the Omnibus Election Code and other related election laws, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Coverage.** – The AFP is hereby deputized to ensure free, honest, orderly, peaceful and credible conduct of the May 09, 2016 National and Local Elections.

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***SEC. 2. Duties and functions of the AFP as deputy of the Commission.***

– The AFP shall:

- 1) Provide security to polling places, polling centers/voting centers, counting 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;
- 2) Provide security to the personnel of the Commission, its deputies and other persons performing election-related functions;
- 3) Deploy, at the least time possible, troops for election duty in coordination with the concerned Regional Election Director, Provincial Election Supervisor, and Election Officer;
- 4) 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;
- 5) 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;
- 6) 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;
- 7) Provide security escorts to candidates only in the absence of personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other law enforcement agencies, 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;
- 8) 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; and
- 9) Comply with and/or implement directives or resolutions which the Commission may issue or promulgate from time to time.

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- 10) Despite being deputized, the AFP shall continue with the conduct of all Internal Security Operations or its own functions and responsibilities; and
- 11) Render periodic reports on actions taken in accordance with this Resolution.

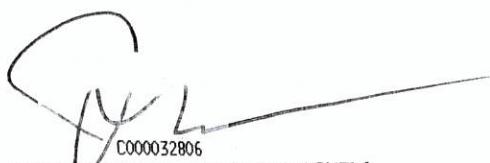
**SEC. 3. Precedence of Commission Orders.** – Orders issued by the Commission in connection with the May 09, 2016 National and Local Elections shall take precedence over and above the orders and directives issued by any other office or agency of the Government, except the Supreme Court and those issued in *habeas corpus* cases.

**SEC. 4. Effectivity.** – This Resolution shall take effect on the seventh day after its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

**SEC. 5. Dissemination and publication.** – The Executive Director shall furnish copies of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Department of National Defense, Chief of Staff of the AFP, as well as to all Regional Election Directors, all Provincial Election Supervisors and all Election Officers of the Commission

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.

SO ORDERED.



**J. ANDRES D. BAUTISTA**  
Chairman



**CHRISTIAN ROBERT S. LIM**  
Commissioner



**LUIE TITO F. GUIA**  
Commissioner



**MA. ROWENA AMELIA V. GUANZON**  
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