



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

IN THE MATTER OF
REQUIRING ALL LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS TO
OPEN THEIR DAY CARE
CENTERS DURING
ELECTION DAY ON MAY 11,
2020 BARANGAY AND
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN
(SK) ELECTIONS

ABAS, Sheriff M.	Chairman
PARREÑO, Al A.	Commissioner
GUIA, Luie Tito F.	Commissioner
GUANZON, Ma. Rowena Amelia V.	Commissioner
INTING, Socorro B.	Commissioner
CASQUEJO, Marlon S.	Commissioner
KHO, Jr., Antonio T.	Commissioner

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Promulgated: August 15, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 10581

WHEREFORE, under Republic Act No. 9710 otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Women, "all people have the rights to participate in and access information relating to the decision-making processes that affect their lives and well-being;"

WHEREFORE, it is the policy of the State to ensure women's participation in policy-making or decision-making bodies in the regional, national and international levels;

WHEREAS, one of the obstacles to women's participation and voting is the care for their children during election day. Most mothers have difficulty finding somebody to take care of their children while they cast their votes;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act No. 7166, and other election laws, in order to encourage women to vote without having to worry about their small children, the Commission *En Banc* RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to require all local government units, specifically provincial governments, city and municipal governments, and barangays,

thru the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), to open their day care centers, subject to the following guidelines:

Section 1. Scope of this Resolution. - This Resolution shall apply to all local government units, provinces, highly urbanized and independent cities, municipalities, and barangays in the country.

Section 2. Operation of Day Care Centers. - All local government units, specifically provinces, highly urbanized and independent cities, municipalities, and barangays, thru the DILG, are hereby ordered by the Commission to **open their day care centers during registration period and on May 11, 2020**, subject to the following requirements:

- a. **Hours of Operation.** - The day care centers shall be open:
 - During Registration Period - From eight o'clock in the morning (8:00 AM) to five o'clock in the afternoon (5:00 PM); and
 - During Election Day - From six o'clock in the morning (6:00 A.M.) to five o'clock in the afternoon (5:00 P.M.).
- b. **Regular and Ordinary Operation.** - The day care centers shall continue their standard operation and the performance of their regular functions;
- c. **Provision of Food and Drinks.** - The day care centers shall provide for healthy food and drinks for the children left under their care during Election Day.

Section 3. Effectivity. - This Resolution shall take effect on the seventh (7th) day after its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Section 4. Publication and Dissemination. - Education and Information Department (EID) shall cause the publication of this Resolution in at least two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

The Election Offices and EID shall cause the widest dissemination of this Resolution for the information of the public.

Section 5. Implementation. - The Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director for Operations shall implement this Resolution as may be appropriate and necessary.

All Regional Election Directors, Provincial Election Supervisors, and Election Officers are directed to ensure compliance with this Resolution by the local government units and provide copies of this Resolution to the heads of the local government units.

The Election Offices shall report in writing to their respective Provincial Election Supervisors the compliance or non-compliance of the local government units. Report of non-compliance shall then be submitted to Commissioner Socorro B. Inting, the Head of the Gender and Development Committee, through Dir. Esmeralda Amora-Ladra, the Gender and Development Focal Person.

SO ORDERED.


SHERIFF M. ABAS
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Chairman


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