

**MALACAÑANG  
MANILA**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 209**

**EXPRESSING CONCURRENCE IN THE DEPUTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE DEPUTIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARCH 25, 2006 PLEBISCITES IN LANA DEL SUR**

Pursuant to Article IX (C) Section 2(4) of the 1987 Constitution, **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, do hereby concur with Resolution No. 7637 dated 14 March 2006 of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), deputizing the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Public Works and Public Highways (DPWH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), including the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible conduct of plebiscites on March 25, 2006 to ratify (a) the change of name of the Municipality of Sultan Gumander to Municipality of Picong, Lanao del Sur, and (b) the creation of Barangay Lique in the Municipality of Lumbatan, Lanao del Sur, pursuant to Muslim Mindanao Autonomous Act Nos. 175 & 79.

National and Local officials and employees particularly those from DepEd, DPWH and DILG, law enforcement agencies and other instrumentalities of Government, including the AFP, NAPOLCOM, and the PNP, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



By the President:



**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

