

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 52, January 09, 2013]

**DEPUTATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND
INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) TO ENSURE FREE,
ORDERLY, HONEST, PEACEFUL AND CREDIBLE CONDUCT OF THE
13 MAY 2013 AUTOMATED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), through its Resolution No. 9589 (s. 2012), resolved to request the concurrence of the President in the deputation of law enforcement agencies and other instrumentalities of the government, including the AFP, for the conduct of the 13 May 2013 Automated National and Local Elections; 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 AFP, 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 law, do hereby concur with COMELEC Resolution No. 9589 deputizing law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including the AFP, to assist the COMELEC in ensuring the free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible conduct of the 13 May 2013 Automated National and Local Elections.

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 9th of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

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

By the President:

(SGD.) MICHAEL G. AGUINALDO
*Deputy Executive Secretary
for Legal Affairs*
