

[**MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 239, January 15, 2007**]

EXPRESSING CONCURRENCE AND RATIFICATION IN THE DEPUTATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AS EMBODIED IN COMELEC RESOLUTION NOS. 7782 AND 7783, BOTH PROMULGATED 11 DECEMBER 2006, IN CONNECTION WITH THE DECEMBER 30, 2006 PLEBISCITES TO RATIFY THE CREATION OF THE FOLLOWING: (A) MUNICIPALITIES OF PANDAG AND MAGUINDANAO, PURSUANT TO MMAA NOS. 203 AND 204; (B) MUNICIPALITY OF DATU ANGGAL MIDTIMBANG OUT OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TALAYAN AND TALITAY, MAGUINDANAO, PURSUANT TO MMAA NO. 206; (C) MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH KABUNTULAN OUT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KABUNTULAN, PROVINCE OF SHARIFF KABUNSUAN, PURSUANT TO MMAA NO 205; AND (D) BARANGAY GADUGAN PEDPANDARAN OUT OF BARANGAY LITAYEN, MUNICIPALITY OF PARANG, PROVINCE OF SHARIFF KABUNSUAN, PURSUANT TO MMAA NO. 82

Pursuant to Article IX (C), Section 2 (4) of the 1987 Constitution, **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, do hereby concur with and ratify Resolution Nos. 7782 and 7783 of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) both promulgated 11 December 2006, deputizing the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), for the purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible **December 30, 2006 Plebiscite**, to ratify the creation of the following: (A) Municipalities of Pandag and Mangundadatu out of the Municipality of Butuan, Maguindanao, pursuant to MMAA Nos. 203 and 204; (B) Municipality of Datu Anggal Midtimbang out of the Municipalities of Talayan and Talitay, Maguindanao, pursuant to MMAA No. 206; (C) Municipality of North Kabuntalan out of the Municipality of Kabuntalan, Province of Shariff Kabunsuan, pursuant to MMAA No. 205; and (D) Barangay Gadungan Pedpandaran out of Barangay Litayen, Municipality of Parang, Province of Shariff Kabunsuan, pursuant to MMAA No. 82.

The foregoing national and local officials and employees, law enforcement agencies and other instrumentalities of the government are hereby directed to coordinate and cooperate with the Commission on Elections in the performance of their duties and functions.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

Done, in the City of Manila, this 15th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two