

**[ MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 29, January 09, 2012 ]**

**REQUEST FOR THE CONCURRENCE OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE DEPUTATION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING FREE, ORDERLY, HONEST, PEACEFUL AND CREDIBLE CONDUCT OF THE 04 FEBRUARY 2012 SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE POSITION OF MEMBER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES**

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), through its Resolution No. 9312 (s. 2011), resolved to request the concurrence of the President in the deputation of law enforcement agencies and other instrumentalities of the government, including the AFP and PNP, in connection with the 04 February 2012 special Elections for the position of Member, House of Representatives, Second Legislative District, Province of Zambales; 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 the Constitution and existing laws, hereby concur with COMELEC Resolution No. 9312 deputizing law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including the AFP and PNP, to assist the COMELEC in ensuring the free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible conduct of the 04 February 2012 Special Elections for the position of Member, House of Representatives, Second Legislative District, Province of Zambales.

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 day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

**(Sgd.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

**(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**  
*Executive Secretary*

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