

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ENBANC
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
HELD ON JUNE 25, 2014**



Chairman Sixto S. Brillantes, Jr.
Commissioner Lucenito N. Tagle
Commissioner Elias R. Yusoph
Commissioner Christian Robert S. Lim
Commissioner Maria Gracia Cielo M. Padaca
Commissioner Al A. Parreño
Commissioner Luie Tito F. Guia

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**14-0463. IN THE MATTER OF THE LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA) REQUESTING
COMELEC TO ISSUE A RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY 20, 2014
AS NATIONAL REGISTRATION DAY FOR VOTERS WITH
DISABILITIES**

This pertains to the Letter dated June 23, 2014 of Acting Executive Director Carmen Reyes-Zubiaga, National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), as referred by the Office of Commissioner Maria Grace Cielo M. Padaca, requesting COMELEC to issue a resolution declaring July 20, 2014 as National Registration Day for Voters with Disabilities.

The Letter of NCDA Acting Executive Director Reyes-Zubiaga addressed to Chairman Sixto S. Brillantes Jr. reads:

"Proclamation 361 declares July 17-23 of every year as the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week, with the National Council on Disability Affairs as the lead coordinating agency. The NCDA is mandated as the central authority to direct, coordinate and integrate planning and management as well as implementation of all activities, public and private, pertaining to the concerns of persons with disabilities.

The Department of Foreign Affairs is this year's Chair of the National Working Committee with the theme, 'TALINO AT PANININDIGAN NG TAONG MAY KAPANSANAN: PASAPORTE SA KAUNLARAN, which is also a part of the 150th birthday of Apolinario Mabini, the role model of Filipinos with disabilities.

In response to the request of organizations of persons with disabilities nationwide for full implementation of Republic Act 10366, a special day for registration of voters with disabilities, scheduled on July 20, 2014 in all COMELEC local offices, was agreed to be a part of the nationwide set of activities during the week. Local government units usually support the mobilization of persons with disabilities to bring them to the venue of the events, from the barangay to the municipal level.

In this regard, may we request COMELEC to issue a resolution declaring July 20, 2014 as the National Registration Day for Voters with Disabilities, instructing all Local Election Officers to designate accessible registration venue within the area of their jurisdiction for the

convenience of persons with disabilities and their assisting family members, in coordination with organizations of persons with disabilities in their localities. In addition, the said resolution may also include the following:

- *Request to all Barangay Captains to provide transportation support for their constituents with disabilities for this purpose;*
- *For COMELEC to intensify awareness campaign in coordination with NCDA, addressed to voters with disabilities and their families to register and identify their needs to vote with convenience during election.*

As we are now campaigning for disability inclusive election, this will mark the inclusion of persons with disabilities within the local electoral processes, particularly in registration and voting.

The immediate release of this resolution will surely allow us to disseminate information to local government units and organizations of persons with disabilities nationwide. To finalize this important activity, may we invite your representatives to the meeting of the National Working Committee of the NDPR Week on July 4, 2014, 1:00PM at the DSWD Central Office Batasan Hills, Quezon City.

May we also invite the Honorable Chairman and Commissioner Grace Padaca to the opening ceremony of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week on July 17, 2014 at 7:00am at the MABINI AUDITORIUM, DFA Building Roxas Blvd. Manila to officially announce the National Special Registration Day for Persons with Disabilities

Thank you very much for your continuous support and initiative in promoting Disability Inclusive Election."

Considering the foregoing request of Acting Executive Director Carmen Reyes-Zubiaga, National Council on Disability Affairs, to be meritorious, the Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to **declare July 20, 2014 as the National Registration Day for Voters with Disabilities in all COMELEC local offices.**

RESOLVED, moreover, to direct all Election Officers nationwide to designate accessible registration venue within their area of jurisdiction, in coordination with organizations of persons with disabilities, in accordance with pertinent provisions of COMELEC Resolution No. 9853¹

¹ COMELEC Resolution No. 9853 promulgated February 19, 2014 "Rules and Regulations on the Resumption of the System of Continuing Registration of Voters, Validation and Updating of Registration Records for the May 9, 2016 Synchronized National, Local and ARMM Regional Elections and other Registration Policies"

RESOLVED, finally, to encourage all Barangay Captains to provide transportation support for their constituents with disabilities for said purpose.

Let the Committee on Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Voting, and the Education and Information Department implement this resolution.

SO ORDERED.


SIXTO S. BRILLANTES JR.
Chairman

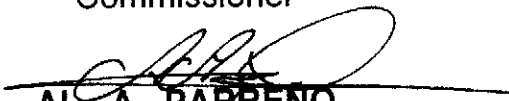

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