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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 2016-61

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : URGING ALL LGUs TO OPEN DAYCARE CENTERS ON ELECTION DAY

Pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has issued a resolution appealing to local government units to open daycare centers with facilities and staff on Election Day to ensure that mothers with small children would be able to vote.

In this connection, and in the exigency of public service, all LGUs are strongly urged to open daycare centers on May 9, 2016, with the following guidelines:

1. **Hours of Operation-** The daycare centers shall be open from 6 o'clock in the morning (6:00am) to five o'clock in the afternoon (5:00pm).
2. **Regular and Ordinary Operation-** The day care centers shall continue their standard operation and the performance of their regular functions.
3. **Provision of Food and Drinks-** The daycare centers shall provide for healthy food and drinks for the children left under their care during Election Day.

All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular to all local governments within their respective jurisdiction.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


MEL SENEN S. SARMIENTO
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Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila

Office of Commissioner Ma. Rowena Amelia V. Guanzon

MEMORANDUM

TO : EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION
ALL REGIONAL ELECTION DIRECTORS
ALL PROVINCIAL ELECTION SUPERVISORS
ALL ELECTION OFFICERS OF METRO MANILA AND OTHER
HIGHLY URBANIZED AND INDEPENDENT CITIES

SUBJECT : FOR COMPLIANCE OF EN BANC RESOLUTION REQUIRING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO OPEN DAY CARE CENTERS
ON 09 MAY 2016

DATE : 2 MAY 2016

The Commission *En Banc* has unanimously passed a resolution requiring Local Government Units, provinces, Highly Urbanized and Independent Cities, municipalities, and barangays to open their day care centers on 09 May 2016.

The Resolution is hereto quoted for your reference and compliance, to wit:

"WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 9710 otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Women, "all people have the rights to participate in and access information relating to the decision-making processes that affect their lives and well-being;"

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to ensure women's participation in policy-making or decision-making bodies in the regional, national and international levels;

WHEREAS, one of the obstacles to women's participation and voting is the care for their children during election day. Most mothers have difficulty finding somebody to take care of their children while they cast their votes;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act No. 7166, and other election laws, in order to encourage women to vote without having to worry about their small children, the Commission *en Banc* **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to require all local government units, specifically provincial governments, city and municipal governments, and barangays to open their day care centers from six o'clock in the morning (6:00 A.M.) to five o'clock in the afternoon (5:00 P.M.) on 09 May 2016 subject to the following guidelines:

1. **Scope of this Resolution.** - This Resolution shall apply to all Local Government Units, provinces, Highly Urbanized and Independent Cities, municipalities, and barangays in the country.

2. **Operation of Day Care Centers.** - All Local Government Units, specifically provinces, Highly Urbanized and Independent Cities, municipalities, and barangays are hereby ordered by the Commission to open their day care centers on 09 May 2016, subject to the following requirements:

a. **Hours of Operation.** - The day care centers shall be open from six o'clock in the morning (6:00 A.M.) to five o'clock in the evening (5:00 P.M.).

b. **Regular and Ordinary Operation.** - The day care centers shall continue their standard operation and the performance of their regular functions.

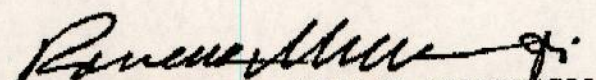
c. **Provision of Food and Drinks.** - The day care centers shall provide for healthy food and drinks for the children left under their care during election day.

3. **Effectivity.** - This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its promulgation.

4. **Dissemination.** - The Election Offices, and Education and Information Department shall cause the widest dissemination of this Resolution. The Information Technology Department shall publish the same on the COMELEC website. Election Offices shall report in writing to their respective Provincial Election Supervisors the compliance or non-compliance of the local government units.

5. **Implementation.** - The Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director for Operations shall implement this Resolution as may be appropriate and necessary. All Regional Election Directors, Provincial Election Supervisors, and Election Officers are directed to ensure compliance with this Resolution by the local government units, give copies of this Resolution to the mayors and governors on or before 04 May 2016, and report non-compliance to Director Esmeralda Ladra the Gender and Development Focal Person, and Commissioner Ma. Rowena Amelia V. Guanzon the Head of the Gender and Development Committee.

SO ORDERED."


MA. ROWENA AMELIA V. GUANZON
Commissioner
Head, Gender and Development Committee

CC:
Chair J.A.D. Bautista
Commissioner C.R.S. Lim
Commissioner A.A. Parreño
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